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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
First extraordinary meeting
Cartagena, 22-23 February 1999

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Organizational matters

1 . Opening of the Conference.

The meeting will take place at the Centro de Convenciones, Cartagena de Indias, Getsemani. Carrera 8a, AA 6031, Cartagena, Colombia. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 22 February 1999, by the COP President. The President of the Fourth Conference of the Parties or, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents as his representative, will preside in his capacity as the President of the Conference, until the Conference has elected/confirmed its Chair.

2 . Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered by the following:

- (a) The Executive Director of UNEP;
- (b) The representative of the host Government;
- (c) The Executive Secretary of SCBD.

3 . Election/Confirmation of Officers.

The Conference may wish to elect a Chair for the Extraordinary Meeting.

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4. Adoption of the Agenda.

- 4.1 The Conference may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda as contained in document UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/1.

5. Organization of the Work of the Conference.

- 5.1 The Conference may wish to work in its entirety in Plenary, without establishing any subsidiary body, except for the Credentials Committee.
- 5.2 If the President finds it necessary to establish drafting groups or contact groups on specific matters, the President may propose to the Conference to establish such groups and subsequently appoint members to form them.
- 5.3 The Conference may wish to decide that it meets from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 22 February 1999, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 23 February 1999, subject to adjustment as appropriate.

6. Credentials of Representatives.

a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

The Conference may wish to appoint the Credentials Committee that may discharge its function with the assistance of the Secretariat.

With regard to matters related to credentials of the representatives, which are covered by Rules 16-20 of the Rules of Procedure of the COP, it should be noted that the credentials and full powers of the representatives must be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Community, by the President of the European Commission. The delegates are invited to submit to the Secretariat their credentials and full powers before the opening of the Conference if possible, but not later than 12 noon on Monday, 22 February 1999.

b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

The Bureau shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the COP for decision.

The representatives may participate in the Conference pending a decision of the Conference upon their credentials.

Item 2. Report

7. Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety.

The Chairman the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety shall report to the COP the results of the Sixth Meeting of the Open Ended ad hoc Working Group on Biosafety.

Item 3. Adoption of the final text of a Protocol on Biosafety

8. Adoption of the agreed text of the Protocol.

- 8.1 The Conference has before it the text of the Biosafety Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity, as agreed by the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety at its sixth meeting and contained in document UNEP/CBD/BSWG/6/3.
- 8.2 The President will invite the Chair of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety to formally present the text of the Protocol, as agreed by the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety at its sixth meeting, to the Conference.
- 8.3 On the basis of the text, as agreed by the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety at its sixth meeting, the Conference may wish to adopt the Protocol. It is expected that the adoption of the Protocol takes place on 23 February 1999.

9. Adoption of Resolutions.

- 9.1 The Conference may wish to adopt also a resolution on a tribute to the host Government.
- 9.2 The President may open the floor for statements to be made by representatives wishing to do so.

Item 4. Decisions

10. Preparation for the first Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

10.1 Interim arrangements

- (a) The Conference has before it a draft decision on interim arrangements submitted to it by the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety as contained in the annex to document UNEP/CBD/BSWG/6/3.

- (b) The President will invite the Chair of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety to formally present the draft decision to the Conference. On that basis, the Conference may wish to adopt a resolution on interim arrangements.

10.2 Administrative and Budgetary matters.

The Conference has before it a draft decision on Administrative and Budgetary requirements for the interim arrangements submitted to it by the Secretariat as contained in the annex to document UNEP/CBD/BSWG/6/3. The Conference may wish to adopt a resolution on Administrative and Budgetary requirements.

Item 5. Adoption of Final Act

11. Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference.

- 11.1 The Conference has before it its draft Final Act as contained in the annex to document UNEP/CBD/BSWG/6/3. On that basis, the Conference may wish to adopt the Final Act. It is expected that the adoption of the Final Act takes place on 23 February 1999.

12. Signature of the Final Act.

- 12.1 It is expected that the Final Act and the Protocol on Biosafety, having been adopted by the Conference, will be opened for signature at the Conference on 23 February 1999.

Item 6. Final Matters

- 13. Date and venue of the first Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.
- 14. Other matters.
- 15. Adoption of the report.
- 16. Closure of the Conference.

Annex

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

| <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Title</u> |
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| UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/1 | Provisional Agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/Add.1 | Annotated Provisional Agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/2 | Report of The Sixth Meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group On Biosafety |
| UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/3 | Agreed Text of a Protocol on Biosafety |
| UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/4 | Proposed Interim Arrangements for the Intergovernmental Committee of the Protocol on Biosafety |
