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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
 3. Consideration of topics as mandated by the Conference of the Parties:
 - 3.1. New technological developments in synthetic biology;
 - 3.2. Synthetic biology applications that are in early stages of research and development, vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention;
 - 3.3. Synthetic biology organisms that may fall outside the definition of living modified organisms as per the Cartagena Protocol;
 - 3.4. The state of knowledge on the potential environmental impacts of applications of synthetic biology, including those applications that involve organisms containing engineered gene drives;
 - 3.5. Options for regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of developments;
 - 3.6. Relationship between synthetic biology and the criteria set out in decision IX/29, paragraph 12.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Adoption of the report.
 6. Closure of the meeting.
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