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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Fifth meeting

Kuala Lumpur, 19-21 November 2008

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Note by the Chairman

1. Paragraph 1 of rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in decision BS-II/1, requires the Committee to decide on whether it will meet in open or closed sessions. Based on the experience from conducting its third and fourth meetings in open session, the Committee decided to conduct, as a general practice, its upcoming meetings in open session unless specific circumstances require otherwise (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/4/2, para. 26).

2. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Compliance Committee would like to inform all those concerned that:

(a) Following the generous offer made by the Government of Malaysia to host it, the fifth meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place in Kuala Lumpur from 19 to 21 November 2008. The meeting will be open for interested observers from Parties, other Governments, and relevant international organizations, including non-governmental organizations; and

(b) As the meeting venue has a limited capacity, anyone intending to attend is requested to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible, but not later than 5 November 2008.
