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**LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING  
FOR BIOSAFETY**

Ninth meeting  
Prague, 15–16 March 2012

**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA****INTRODUCTION**

1. At their first meeting, the Parties to the Protocol established, as part of the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, a Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety to provide expert advice to the Executive Secretary on avenues to enhance the implementation and coordination of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol and other issues (decision BS-I/5, annex IV).

2. To date, eight meetings of the Liaison Group have been held as follows: 4-5 November 2002 in Montreal; 26-27 January 2005 in Montreal; 21-22 January 2006 in Tromsø, Norway; 29-30 February 2007 in Lusaka; 14-15 February 2008 in New Delhi; 12-13 March 2009 in San Jose, Costa Rica; 4-5 February 2010 in Siem Reap, Cambodia; and 7-8 April 2011 in Chisinau. These meetings have provided advice to the Executive Secretary on a wide range of capacity-building issues and processes.

3. The purpose of the ninth meeting of the Liaison Group is to provide advice and input into draft documents being prepared to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan at the sixth meeting of the Parties. These will include the draft report of the independent evaluation of the Action Plan, the report of the online forum on strategic approaches to capacity-building and the frameworks for capacity needs assessment and for monitoring and evaluation of the Action Plan. The meeting is also expected to provide advice on measures to improve the implementation of the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan.

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

4. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 15 March 2012.

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## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### **2.1 Election of officers**

5. The Liaison Group will be invited to elect its Chair and Rapporteur from among the participants in the meeting.

### **2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

6. The meeting will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/9/1). The Liaison Group will also be invited to adopt its organization of work on the basis of suggestions made by the Executive Secretary, contained in annex I below.

## **ITEM 3. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION**

### **3.1 Comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its possible revision**

7. In their decision BS-III/3, the Parties adopted an updated Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol and agreed to conduct a comprehensive review of the Action Plan every five years based on an independent evaluation of the capacity-building initiatives carried out in accordance with the Action Plan. At their fifth meeting, the Parties adopted in their decision BS-V/3 the terms of reference for the comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan. They also requested the Executive Secretary to commission the independent evaluation and prepare a working document to facilitate the comprehensive review and possible revision of the Action Plan at their sixth meeting, to be held in October 2012, taking into account the submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations; the information provided in the second national reports, as well as findings of the independent evaluation.

8. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to provide comments on the draft document (future UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/7/Add.1) being prepared by the Executive Secretary to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan and the draft report of the independent evaluation of the Action Plan (UNEP/CBD/COP-MOP/6/INF/2). The Liaison Group will be invited to provide specific advice on possible revisions to the Action Plan, including its content and structure as well as processes and mechanisms to facilitate its effective use by Parties.

### **3.2 Frameworks for the assessment of capacity-building needs and for the monitoring and evaluation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

9. In paragraph 19 of decision BS-V/3, the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize an online forum to identify strategic approaches to capacity-building and develop a capacity-assessment framework and a framework for monitoring and evaluation, and submit the outcomes to the Parties at their sixth meeting.

10. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to review the report of the online forum on strategic approaches to capacity-building and provide advice on a possible framework for assessment of capacity-building needs and a framework for monitoring and evaluation of the capacity-building Action Plan to be submitted for consideration by the Parties to the Protocol at their sixth meeting.

**3.3 *Measures to improve the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety***

11. At their fourth meeting, the Parties considered the progress made in operationalizing the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and, in decision BS-IV/3, requested the Executive Secretary to continue undertaking measures to improve its implementation and provide a report to the Parties at their sixth meeting.

12. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to review the status of the Coordination Mechanism and provide advice on ways and means to improve its implementation.

**ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS**

13. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider any other matters of relevance.

**ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

14. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to adopt its report, including general conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Secretary while preparing pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

**ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

15. The meeting of the Liaison Group is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 16 March 2012.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>15 March 2012</i> 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.
9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers; 2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	BREAK
10.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3. Issues for in-depth consideration: 3.1 Comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its possible revision
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH
1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Agenda item 3.1 ( <i>continued</i> )
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	BREAK
3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3. Issues for in-depth consideration: 3.2 Frameworks for the assessment of capacity-building needs and for the monitoring and evaluation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
<i>Friday</i> <i>16 March 2012</i> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3.3 Measures to improve the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
1 p.m. – 2. pm	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 4. Other matters. 5. Adoption of the report of the meeting. 6. Closure of the meeting.

*Annex II*

**DOCUMENTS FOR THE NINTH MEETING OF THE LIAISON GROUP ON  
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY**

**A.        *Working documents***

UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/9/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/9/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/7/Add.1 (draft)	Comprehensive review of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol ( <i>draft pre-session document for the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol</i> )
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/INF/2	Report of the independent evaluation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/INF/3	Report of the online forum on strategic approaches to capacity-building, the capacity assessment framework and the framework for monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building Action Plan

**B.        *Information documents***

UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/8/2	Report of the eighth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety
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