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**LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING
FOR BIOSAFETY**Tenth meeting
Budapest, 7–9 April 2014**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA****INTRODUCTION**

1. At its sixth meeting held in October 2012 in Hyderabad, India, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) agreed to maintain the Liaison Group on Capacity-building in Biosafety as one of the four elements of the restructured and streamlined Coordination Mechanism, with a mandate to provide expert advice to the Executive Secretary on ways and means to enhance the coordination and effective implementation of the capacity-building components of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Decision BS-VI/3, annex II).
2. In its earlier decision BS-V/16, in which it adopted a Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020, COP-MOP invited Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations to: (a) review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), with the Strategic Plan and; (b) allocate adequate human and financial resources necessary to expedite the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
3. In the second assessment and review of the Protocol, which was considered at the sixth meeting of COP-MOP in October 2012, it was noted that a number of barriers have impeded the full implementation of the Protocol although progress has been made with regard to some of the core elements of the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/17/Add.1). The main barriers include lack of human, financial and technical resources; a continuing lack of awareness of biosafety issues among the public and policymakers; and the limited integration of biosafety considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, including NBSAPs, national development plans and development cooperation policies and programmes.
4. In light of the above, the tenth meeting of the Liaison Group will be invited to provide advice on options for strengthening the capacities of Parties to review and integrate their national measures for the implementation of the Protocol into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and national development policies, plans and programmes in line with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020. The meeting will also be invited to provide advice on ways and means

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of mobilizing new and additional resources to support national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in accordance with the Strategic Plan.

5. The outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Liaison Group will provide input for the “Special Session on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety” to be held during the seventh meeting of COP-MOP on 29 September 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The Special Session is particularly intended to provide a platform to share views, experiences and lessons learned and to identify ways to better integrate biosafety into relevant national development plans and programmes, including the NBSAPs and to mobilize additional resources to advance the implementation of the Protocol at the national level in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 9 a.m. on Monday, 7 April 2014.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1 Election of officers

7. The Liaison Group will be invited to elect its Chair and Rapporteur from among the members participating in the meeting.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. 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/10/1). 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 Capacity-building for integration of national measures for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol Biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development policies and plans in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol 2011-2020

9. As noted above, in decision BS-V/16, paragraph 2, Parties to the Protocol, other Governments and relevant international organizations were invited, *inter alia*, to review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020. The second assessment and review of the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/17/Add.1), which was considered at the sixth meeting of the Parties held in October 2012 in Hyderabad, India also noted that full implementation of the Protocol has been impeded by, among other barriers, the limited integration of biosafety considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, including NBSAPs and national development policies, plans and programmes.

10. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to provide advice on options for building capacities of Parties to integrate national measures for the implementation of the Protocol into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and national development policies, plans and

programmes in line with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020. In doing so, the Liaison Group will be invited to take into account the views that were expressed during the Online conference on capacity-building for integration of biosafety into national development plans, strategies and programmes, held in February 2009,¹ which are summarized in document UNEP/CBD/BS/CM-CB/5/3, and the discussions under agenda item 4.2 (capacity-building for and experiences gained in integrating biosafety into national development plans, strategies and programmes) of the fifth Coordination Meeting that was held 9 to 11 March 2009 in San Jose, Costa Rica.² The outcomes will contribute to the development of the envisaged “Practical Guide on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans”.

3.2 Strengthening capacities for mobilization of additional resources to support national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

11. The second assessment and review of the Protocol, which was considered at the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol noted that full implementation of the core elements of the Protocol has been impeded by lack of human, financial and technical resources, among other barriers. In this regard COP-MOP, in its decision BS-VI/5 on matters related to the financial mechanism and resources, invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to undertake various measures to mobilize new and additional resources to support national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

12. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to provide advice on ways and means of strengthening the capacities of Parties and other Governments to mobilize additional resources to support national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, taking into account relevant elements of decision BS-VI/5.

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 the general conclusions and recommendations of the meeting for consideration by the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

15. The meeting of the Liaison Group is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 April 2014.

¹ The postings on the online conference on capacity-building for integration of biosafety into national development plans, strategies and programmes (19 January to 6 February 2009) can be accessed at: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art22/cbarchive/forummainstreaming_about.shtml.

² The report of the fifth coordination meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCMCB-05>.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
Monday 7 April 2014 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 Capacity-building for integration of measures for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development policies and plans in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol (2011-2020)
12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3.1 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	BREAK
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Agenda item 3.1 (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday 8 April 2014 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3.2 Strengthening capacities for mobilization of additional resources to support national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3.2 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	BREAK
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Agenda item 3.2 (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday 9 April 2014 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 4. Other matters 5. Conclusion and recommendations of the meeting.
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	BREAK

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>).
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	BREAK
4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

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

A. Working documents

- UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/10/1 Provisional agenda
- UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/10/1/Add.1 Annotations to the provisional agenda

B. Information documents/Resources

- UNEP/CBD/BS/CM-CB/5/3 Report of the Online Conference Capacity-Building for
Integration of Biosafety into National Development Plans,
Strategies and Programmes
(<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCMCB-05>)
- UNEP/CBD/BS/CM-CB/5/4 Report of the fifth coordination meeting for Governments and
organizations implementing and/or funding biosafety
capacity-building activities held 9 - 11 March 2009 in San
Jose, Costa Rica
- UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/4 Matters Related to the Financial Mechanism and Resources
(<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=4715>)
