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**SECOND MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON
HANDLING, TRANSPORT, PACKAGING AND
IDENTIFICATION OF LIVING MODIFIED
ORGANISMS (ARTICLE 18, PARAS. 2 (b)
AND 2 (c))**

Montreal, 13-15 March 2002

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) recommended, at its second meeting held in Nairobi, from 1 to 5 October 2001, that a further meeting of experts be convened on paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18 to consider and make recommendations on the modalities of accompanying information as recommended by the previous meeting of technical experts on handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms held in Paris, from 13 to 15 June 2001, and on the linkages to paragraph 3 of Article 18. In order to assist the discussion of the meeting, ICCP requested the Executive Secretary to develop a model template of documentation that could be used as a stand-alone tool tailored on existing systems, or be integrated into existing international documentation.
2. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary developed, with the assistance of Switzerland, draft model templates that might help meet the documentation requirements of paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18.
3. Following the generous financial contribution by the Governments of Canada, France and Japan, the experts' meeting will be held at the premises of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, from 13 to 15 March 2002. The experts will discuss the issues contained in the provisional agenda and make recommendations for consideration by ICCP at its third meeting, which will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 22 to 26 April 2002.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 13 March 2002. Other opening and welcoming remarks may be made by, *inter alia*, the representatives of the host and co-host countries, namely Canada and France.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

5. As this meeting is a continuation of the experts meeting held in Paris from 13 to 15 June 2001, it will have the same officers as the previous one. Accordingly, Canada will be invited to chair, and France to co-chair the meeting. Namibia will also be invited to continue to serve as Rapporteur.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

6. The Meeting will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda circulated as document UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/2/1.

2.3. Organization of work

7. The Meeting may wish to consider the proposed organization and programme of its work as contained in annex I below. The language of the meeting will be English.

8. The Meeting will be invited to consider, based on the recommendations of the meeting of technical experts on paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18, held in Paris, from 13 to 15 June 2001, the modalities of information requirements for:

(a) Documentation accompanying living modified organisms destined for contained use (paragraph 2 (b), Article 18);

(b) Documentation accompanying living modified organisms intended for intentional introduction into the environment (paragraph 2 (c), Article 18);

(c) Linkages to paragraph 3 of Article 18.

9. The proposed organization of work contained in annex I provides for the formation of two breakout groups to advance the discussions of the meeting. It is proposed that one of the groups address item (a) and the other one item (b) of paragraph 8 above. Since item (c) on the linkages to paragraph 3 of Article 18 involves an issue which is relevant for both items (a) and (b), it is suggested that both groups address it.

10. In order to assist the Meeting in its discussion of the issues, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/2/2) containing draft model templates developed in accordance with the request of the ICCP. The note also includes a highlight on the linkages of paragraph 2 of Article 18 to paragraph 3 of Article 18, and a summary of views and information received from some relevant international organizations in response to requests made to them regarding advice on the capacity of their systems to assist Parties to the Protocol to meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol. The document also proposes recommendations that the expert meeting may wish to consider and submit to the third meeting of the ICCP. The full texts of the views and

information received by the Executive Secretary from some relevant international organizations are compiled in an information document UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/2/INF/1, which will be available to the meeting. The report of the first Meeting of Technical Experts on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (UNEP/CBD/ICCP/2/12 and Corr.1), which was held in Paris from 13 to 15 June 2001, is also made available for ease of reference.

11. A complete list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex II below. In addition to normal distribution, documents are available on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF MODALITIES OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION UNDER PARAGRAPHS 2 (b) AND 2 (c) OF ARTICLE 18, INCLUDING LINKAGES TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE 18

12. The Secretariat will introduce its note on the modalities of information requirements for accompanying documentation under paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18 for the purpose of identifying living modified organisms destined for contained use, and those intended for intentional introduction into the environment. The document essentially presents model templates of documentation that could be used as stand-alone templates tailored on existing systems, or be integrated into existing international documentation systems. The experts will be invited to make general comments on the subject before they break into two groups and address specific issues.

13. The experts will then be invited to consider the modalities of information requirements for accompanying documentation under paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18, including linkages to paragraph 3 of Article 18. In line with the proposed organization of work, two break-out groups may be formed, one for addressing issues relating to documentation accompanying living modified organisms destined for contained use (agenda item 3.1), and the other, for addressing documentation accompanying living modified organisms intended for intentional introduction into the environment (agenda item 3.2). It is expected that each group will prepare recommendations for consideration in plenary under agenda item 4.

ITEM 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

14. In considering this agenda item, the meeting will be invited to formulate its recommendations to the third meeting of the ICCP based on its deliberations and the outcome of the discussions in the two breakout groups.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

15. Under this item, the Meeting may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

16. The Meeting will consider and adopt its report on the basis of its draft report to be prepared and presented to it by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. The meeting is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday 15 March 2002.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON HANDLING, TRANSPORT, PACKAGING AND IDENTIFICATION OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS: PARAGRAPHS 2 (B) AND 2 (C), ARTICLE 18**

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Group I</i>	<i>Group II</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>13 March 2002</i> 10 a.m to 10.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.		
10.30 a.m to 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Officers; 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work. 3. Consideration of modalities of information requirements for accompanying documentation under paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18, including linkages to paragraph 3 of Article 18.		
3. p.m. to 6 p.m.		<i>Agenda item 3.1:</i> Documentation accompanying living modified organisms destined for contained use (para. 2 (b), Article 18)	<i>Agenda item 3.2:</i> Documentation accompanying living modified organisms intended for intentional introduction into the environment (para. 2 (c), Article 18)

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	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Group I</i>	<i>Group II</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>14 March 2002</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.		Continuation of agenda item 3.1.	Continuation of agenda item 3.2.
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 4:</i> Recommendations		
<i>Friday</i> <i>15 March 2002</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. <i>and</i> 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 5. Other matters. 6. Adoption of the report. 7. Closure of the meeting.		

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS
ON HANDLING, TRANSPORT, PACKAGING AND IDENTIFICATION OF
LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS: PARAGRAPHS 2 (b) AND 2 (c) OF
ARTICLE 18**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/1/2/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/2/2	Modalities of information requirements for accompanying documentation under paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18
UNEP/CBD/BS/TE-HTPI/2/INF/1	Compilation of views and information submitted by some relevant international organizations regarding the relevance of their systems to the requirements of paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18
UNEP/CBD/ICCP/2/12 and Corr.1*	Report of the Meeting of Technical Experts on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (Article 18)

* This report was submitted to the second meeting of the ICOP.