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Note from the Secretariat

Preparation of the Draft Negotiating Text of the Protocol on Biosafety

1. In accordance with the instructions received at the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Biosafety, the Secretariat has prepared a Draft Negotiating text for the Protocol on Biosafety based on the results of the sub working groups and contact groups, as contained in the Report of the 5th Meeting.
2. The Draft Negotiating Text was developed from the Revised Consolidated text and the results of the negotiations on each individual Article as reported by the Sub-Working groups and Contact groups, as follows:
 1. The text has been renamed Draft Negotiating Text.
 2. Text on Articles, as presented and adopted by the Working group replaced the text in the Revised Consolidated text.
 3. Where Articles have been provisionally adopted by the Working Group, these have been identified.
 4. Where the Working Group agreed to the deletion of Articles these have been deleted.
 5. The bis designation of Articles has been removed and all the Articles have been renumbered.
 6. Where an Article has been recommended for deletion by a Sub-Group but subject to conditions, e.g. transfer of certain clauses to other Articles, or with footnotes, the Article has been retained in the text with the footnotes.
 7. The text has been revised only to place the new Article numbers in the places where there was cross reference to other Articles.
3. Article titles and numbers from the Revised Consolidated Text and the new Draft Negotiating Text are attached.

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