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**WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING AND EXCHANGE OF
EXPERIENCES AS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF THE BIOSAFETY
PROTOCOL**

Bonn, 1-3 November 2004

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA*Annotations to the provisional agenda***INTRODUCTION**

1. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), requested the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the necessary financial resources made available, a workshop on capacity building and exchange of experiences on the safe handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms, as related to the implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Protocol (decision BS-I/6 D). The decision to convene a capacity-building workshop was made in recognition of the urgent need to address critical capacity-building requirements regarding the implementation of the documentation requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 18. Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety has also indicated that the workshop has to be convened prior to the meeting of the open-ended technical expert group that it established by the same decision to deal with issues pertaining to the identification requirements of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (LMOs-FFP).

2. Accordingly, and following the generous financial contribution by the Government of Germany and the European Community, the workshop will be held in Bonn, at the International Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus from 1 to 3 November 2004. The workshop will bring together some 40 government-nominated participants from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, as well as participants from developed countries and relevant international organizations.

3. This workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for exchange of information and experiences for participants, in particular those from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, regarding the understanding of the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 18 and their implementation. The workshop participants will discuss a range of issues relating to the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 18 as contained in the provisional agenda and further elaborated in annex I herewith. In order to facilitate the discussions and in keeping with the capacity-building objective of the workshop, the

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Secretariat has identified resource persons who would share their expertise and information with participants on several specific items.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

4. The workshop will be opened by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 10 a.m. on Monday 1 November 2004. A representative from the host country Government, Germany, will also make welcoming remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

5. The workshop participants will elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur from among themselves.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

6. The workshop participants will be invited to adopt the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda circulated as document UNEP/CBD/BS/WS-CB-HTPI/1/1.

2.3. Organization of work

7. The workshop may wish to consider the proposed organization and programme of its work as contained in annex I.

8. The workshop will be conducted in English only. A list of documents relevant to the workshop is contained in annex II. Except for the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/BS/WS-CB-HTPI/1/1) and the present document, all other documents specified in the list are documents from previous meetings or extracts from other sources identified by the Secretariat as relevant and useful to facilitate the discussions of the workshop. More documents, especially from resource persons may be made available during the workshop.

ITEM 3. EXISTING DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS AND THEIR POSSIBLE USE TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL

9. Under this item, existing documentation systems that may be relevant or appropriate to incorporating the information requirements of the Protocol under paragraph 2 of Article 18 will be reviewed. Resource persons will make presentations on the framework and purpose of these existing documentation systems, and on their relevance with respect to documentation requirements for LMOs under the Protocol. They may also provide information on relevant trade rules and practices that need to be taken into account in implementing these requirements. Accordingly, presentations will be made and discussions will be held regarding existing documentation systems and their use with respect to LMOs:

- (i) Intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (paragraph 2(a) of Article 18): There will be a presentation on the experience of the grain trade sector as regards documents accompanying shipments of LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (FFP); and what and how information that identifies the LMOs could be incorporated in one or more of these accompanying documents in order to meet the requirements of the Protocol. This will be followed by another presentation, which provides a stakeholder's perspective. The presentation focuses on how the documentation requirements for LMOs-FFP need to be viewed and implemented taking into account the objective of the Protocol and the purpose of paragraph 2(a) of Article 18;

- (ii) Destined for contained use (paragraph 2(b) of Article 18): A presentation will be made on the clauses and suggested requirements of the appropriate Model Regulations of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNTDG), relevant to genetically modified micro-organisms. This presentation may be supplemented by another presentation on how the biotechnology industry actually conducts cross border shipments of LMOs destined for contained use, including the industry's practice in observing the relevant sections of the UNTDG; and
- (iii) Intended for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import and any other LMOs within the scope of the Protocol (paragraph 2(c) of Article 18): A presentation on the Seed Schemes of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and on any relevant practice in identification/documentation of LMOs intended for introduction into the environment.

11. The workshop participants will have the opportunity to discuss the issues raised and the information provided by the resource persons. There will be time for discussions after the end of each presentation or set of presentations made relating to the specific paragraphs (i.e. 2(a), 2(b), 2(c)) of Article 18.

ITEM 4. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EXPERIENCES IN IMPLEMENTING EXISTING DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION

12. Under this item the workshop participants will have the opportunity to exchange experiences that may exist at the national or regional level regarding the implementation of existing documentation systems. This item is intended to be a continuation of the discussions under the preceding item. In that regard, the focus will be on the experience of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in implementing existing documentation systems and their capacity needs for effective implementation of the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 18. Participants from the different regions will be invited to share their experiences and, in case of participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to also identify their needs.

ITEM 5. THE USE OF UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS IN DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

13. The workshop will look at the question of unique identifiers with a view to establishing an understanding of the purpose and extent of their use in documentation accompanying LMOs. There will be a presentation on OECD's Guidance for the Designation of a Unique Identifier for Transgenic Plants and other unique identification systems, if any. In this connection, the workshop is expected to assess how unique identifiers may be used to satisfy requirements under paragraph 2 of the Protocol, including any practical experience gained in using them, and how the Biosafety Clearing-House could facilitate the development and use of unique identifiers, taking into account the relevant decision of the first meeting of the the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

ITEM 6. OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO DOCUMENTATION/ IDENTIFICATION OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS.

14. Under this item participants will discuss issues relating to adventitious presence of LMOs and the related subject concerning thresholds. Participants to the workshop may also consider experiences

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relating to labelling and traceability, and the need for and availability of techniques for sampling and detecting the presence of LMOs in shipments.

ITEM 7. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

15. At this stage, participants will be invited to reflect on what has been presented or discussed under the previous items, clarify any outstanding issues, and endeavour to make conclusions as regards the understanding and implementation of the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Protocol.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

16. Under this item, participants to the workshop may wish to consider any other matters of relevance.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. The participants to the workshop will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of its draft report to be prepared and presented to it by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

18. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 November 2004.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING
AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF THE PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Monday</i> <i>1 November 2004</i> 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	<i>Agenda item/event:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.
10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers; 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work.
10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Coffee Break
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 3. Existing documentation systems and their possible use to implement the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	3.1. LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (paragraph 2(a) of article 18): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Grain Trade Coalition ▪ Third World Network/ECOROPA
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Discussion
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	3.2. LMOs destined for contained use (paragraph 2(b) of Article 18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dangerous Goods and Special Cargoes Section, Transport Division, UNECE ▪ Global Industry Coalition
3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Discussion
3:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Coffee break
4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	3.3. LMOs intended for intentional introduction into the environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Seed Schemes
4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Discussion

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>2 November 2004</i> 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Agenda item/event: 4. National and regional experiences in implementing existing documentation systems and capacity needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition
10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Africa Asia
11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Central and Eastern Europe Group of Latin America and Caribbean countries
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Canada-Mexico-U.S. tripartite arrangement
3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	European Union
3:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Coffee break
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>3 November 2004</i> 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Agenda item/event: 5. The use of unique identifiers in documentation accompanying living modified organisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OECD
10:30 to 11 a.m.	<i>Discussion</i>
11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Coffee break
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Agenda item/event: 6. Other issues relevant to documentation/identification of living modified organisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European Commission Joint Resource Centre ▪ Plant Sciences Department, University of Free State, South Africa
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.	<i>Discussion</i>
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	7. General discussion and conclusions
3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Coffee break
3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 8. Other matters 9. Adoption of the report. 10. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING AND
EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF THE PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/CB-HTPI/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/CB-HTPI/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
The following documents from previous meetings and other relevant sources will be made available during the workshop*	
UNEP/CBD/ICCP/3/7/Add.1	Report of the meeting of Technical Experts on the Requirements of Paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
UNEP/CBD/ICCP/3/7/Add.2	Report of the second meeting of Technical Experts on Handling, Transport, Packaging and identification of Living Modified Organisms
UNEP/CBD/ICCP/3/7	Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (Article 18)
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/1/15	Report of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Biosafety (decision BS-1/6, pp. 85-97)

(a) Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Model Regulations Volumes I and II, Thirteenth revised edition, United Nations, 2003, (relevant sections 2.6.3 to 2.6.3.3; 3.1.1 to 3.1.3; the schedules on pages 239, 242, and 263. The lists and requirements on pages 281, 285, 302 303, 304, 305, 360, 366, 372; Chapters 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6.3 and 7.1);

(b) OECD Guidance for the Designation of a Unique Identifier for Transgenic Plants;

(c) OECD Schemes for the Varietal Certification of Seed Moving in International Trade;

(d) EC Regulation No 1830/2003 Concerning the Traceability and Labelling of Genetically Modified Organisms and the Traceability of Food and Feed products Produced from Genetically Modified Organisms and Amending Directive 2001/18/EC;

(e) EC Regulation No 65/2004 establishing a system for the development and assignment of unique identifiers for genetically modified organisms;

(f) Commission Recommendation on technical guidance for sampling and detection of genetically modified organisms and material produced from genetically modified organisms as or in products in the context of Regulation (EC) No. 1830/2003;

(g) Explanatory Guide to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, IUCN, Environmental Policy and Law Paper No. 46, the guide on Article 18, pp. 123 to 128.

* Other reading materials may also be made available during the workshop.