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### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROTOCOL AND ON BUDGETARY MATTERS

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

#### INTRODUCTION

##### *Background*

1. At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (COP/MOP-4), adopted a programme budget for the distinct costs of the Secretariat services and the biosafety work programme of the Cartagena Protocol for the biennium 2009-2010. The Executive Secretary was requested in paragraph 21 of decision BS-IV/7, to report to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth meeting on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed to the programme budget for the biennium 2009-2010.
2. The present document has been prepared by the Executive Secretary and highlights the financial and administrative performance of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety since the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. It should be read in conjunction with the report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention for the biennium 2009-2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/7) and the associated information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/10).
3. As of 31 July 2010, 160 Parties had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website of the Secretariat. It is updated each time the Secretariat is notified by the Depository of a new instrument of ratification/accession that has been deposited with it.
4. The document is divided into three sections, as follows:
  - (a) Sections I and II report, respectively, on income and budget performance in 2008 and in 2009 for the three trust funds of the Protocol namely the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**); the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**); and the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the

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Biosafety Protocol process (**BI Trust Fund**). Section III reports on commitments made for the year 2010 to the BG Trust Fund;

(b) Section IV deals with personnel and administrative matters. It reports on the progress made in classifying, advertising and filling the posts approved under the Protocol;

5. The following tables can be found in document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/10:

(a) Status of contributions to the BG, BH and BI Trust Funds as at 31 December 2009 (annexes V-VII);

(b) Scales of contributions for 2009-2010 as at 30 June 2010 (annex VIII).

## I. INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN 2008

### A. *General Trust Fund for the Biosafety Protocol (Core budget or BG Trust Fund)*

#### 1. *Income and budget performance in 2008*

(i) *Budget for 2008*

6. By its decision BS-III/7, the Conference of the Parties approved a core programme budget of \$2,108,100 for the year 2008 for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Of this amount, \$1,736,400 was to be payable by Parties in line with the scale set out in the annex of decision BS-III/7, \$171,700 was to be funded from the host country contribution and \$200,000 was withdrawn from the surpluses from previous years.

Source of funding	2008
Parties to Biosafety Protocol	\$ 1,736,400
Host country	\$ 171,700
Previous years surplus	\$ 200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,108,100</b>

7. Taking into account the new Parties to the Protocol over the period 2007-2008, the actual pledges to the Protocol in 2008 amounted to \$1,718,790 as a result of the credits applied to Parties from prior years. Adjustments were made in 2008 to reflect the revised contributions and were credited to Parties accordingly at the end of the biennium in keeping with the financial rules.

(ii) *Contributions for 2008*

8. As at 31 December 2008, contributions received for 2008 to the BG Trust Fund amounted to \$1,793,442 as follows:

Advance payments for 2008 received in 2007	\$ 432,666
Contributions for 2008 received in 2008	\$1,189,076
Host country contribution	\$ 171,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,793,442</b>

9. The assessed contributions paid with respect to 2008 as at 31 December 2008 therefore amounted to 94 per cent of the total core budget approved (before deduction of the prior year's surplus) for the year by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its third meeting.

10. This amount represents contributions paid in full or in part by 80 Parties (or 56 per cent) of the total number of Parties to the Protocol. It should be noted that as at 31 December 2008, late payments received during 2008 for 2007 and prior years amounted to US\$75,637.

*(iii) Expenditures in 2008*

11. Expenditures in 2008 (including programme support costs) as at 31 December 2008, totalled \$2,031,843. This amount is equivalent to approximately 96 per cent of the total amount approved for the BG Trust Fund activities in 2008 as per decision BS-III/7. A number of budget lines were under-utilised in 2008. The budget provision for the COP MOP Bureau was not fully utilised in 2008 as it is generally convened in the margins of the COP Bureau and thus savings are incurred. Half of the budget provided for the Liaison Group meeting was utilised as the meeting was held in New Delhi and back to back with the fourth Coordination meeting for Governments and Organisations implementing Biosafety Capacity Building. Also, only the 5<sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee meeting was convened in 2008 whereas budget had been provided for two meetings. A staff training workshop on Team building was carried out in December 2008 and was funded by UNEP. The depreciation of the United States dollar has contributed to the over-expenditure of the staff costs, the COP MOP 4 conference costs as well as the general operating expenses of the Secretariat.

12. The 2008 expenditures of \$2,031,843 amounts to 113 per cent of the total contributions received for 2008 (\$1,793,442) as at 31 December 2008. The breakdown of expenditures recorded by object of expenditure for 2008 is shown in table 1 below.

**Table 1. BG Trust Fund expenditures in 2008 by object of expenditure (US\$ thousands)**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget (US\$)</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditures</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
Staff costs	967.8	1,006.4	104
Biosafety Bureau meetings	60	22.5	37
Travel on official business	50	51.1	102
Consultants/sub-contracts	25	21.6	86
Biosafety Clearing-House advisory meetings	40	27	67
Liaison Group meetings	35	16.8	48
Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	350	382.7	109
Compliance Committee Meeting	95	26.7	28
Training/Fellowship	20	0	0
Translation of Biosafety Clearing-House website	20	21.1	105
Temporary assistance/overtime	10	16.8	168
General Operating expenses	192.8	205.4	106
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC)</i>	242.5	233.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108.1</b>	<b>2,031.8</b>	<b>96</b>

**B. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH Trust Fund)**

13. A total of \$706,300 was approved under the BH Trust Fund by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties for 2008. As at 31 December 2008, the Secretariat had received pledges for additional approved activities totalling \$874,472 in 2008. Collections of \$62,463 were recorded in 2008 as contributions for pledges made in 2007 and \$661,527 were received in 2008 for pledges made in 2008.

14. A total of \$876,580 was spent or committed in 2008 for additional approved activities, including:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Expenditure (US\$)</i>
COP-MOP 4	70,000
SCBD staff servicing meetings	193,140
5 <sup>th</sup> Liability and Redress meeting	533,786

**C. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol Process (BI Trust Fund)**

15. A total of \$1,017,000 was approved under the BI Trust Fund by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties for 2008. As at 31 December 2008, the Secretariat has received pledges totalling \$283,749 in 2008 (28% of the amount approved for 2008), for which the total contributions had been paid.

16. Expenditures to cover participation costs of some 100 participants from Parties eligible for financial support to the following meetings convened in 2008 amounted to \$361,436.

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Expenditure (US\$)</i>	<i>Number of funded participants</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Liability and Redress meeting	\$198,283	35
COP MOP 4	\$163,153	66

## II. INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN 2009

**A. General Trust Fund for the Biosafety Protocol (Core budget or BG Trust Fund)**

*1. Income and budget performance in 2009*

*(i) Budget for 2009*

17. In decision BS-IV/7, the Conference of the Parties approved a core programme budget of \$2,611,800 for the year 2009 for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Of this amount, \$1,966,700 was to be payable by Parties in line with the scale set out in the annex of decision BS-IV/7, \$175,100 was to be funded from the host country contribution and \$470,000 withdrawn from the surplus generated in previous years.

Source of funding	2009
Parties to Biosafety Protocol	\$ 1,966,700
Host country	\$ 175,100
Surplus from previous years	\$ 470,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,611,800</b>

18. Taking into account the new Parties to the Protocol over the period 2008-2009, the actual pledges to the Protocol in 2009 amounted to \$1,959,191 as a result of the credits applied to Parties from prior years. Adjustments were made in 2008 to reflect the revised contributions and were credited to Parties accordingly in keeping with the financial rules.

(ii). *Contributions for 2009*

19. As at 31 December 2009, contributions received for 2009 to the BG Trust Fund amounted to \$2,004,692 as follows:

Advance payments for 2009 received in 2008	\$ 825,628
Contributions for 2009 received in 2009	\$1,053,964
Host country contribution	\$ 175,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,004,692</b>

20. Therefore, the assessed contributions paid with respect to 2009 as at 31 December 2009, amounted to 93 per cent of the total core budget approved (before deduction of the prior year's surplus) for the year by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting. This amount represents contributions paid in full or in part by 105 Parties (or 67 per cent of the total number of 156 Parties to the Protocol as at 31 December 2009). Late payments totalling \$128,959 were received in 2009 for prior years contributions.

(iii) *Expenditures in 2009*

21. Expenditures in 2009 (including programme support costs) as at 31 December 2009, totalled \$2,269,190. This amount is equivalent to approximately 87 per cent of the total amount approved for the BG Trust Fund activities in 2009 as per decision BS-IV/7. The under-expenditure is mainly due to the Programme assistant post approved at the COP MOP 4 which was filled in the course of the year 2009 as well as the savings generated from the second meeting of the Friends of the Co-chairs on Liability Redress where a smaller number of delegates than expected were funded. Also, the budget for the COP MOP Bureau meetings approved for 2009 was not fully utilised as there was no open-ended meeting under the Biosafety Protocol during this year and the Bureau therefore did not convene. All COP MOP Bureau meetings were held back-to-back with the COP Bureau meetings, which thus generated savings under this budget line. The translation of the Biosafety Clearing-House website is planned to be carried out during the second half of 2010.

22. The 2009 expenditures of \$2,269,190 amounts to 113 per cent of the total contributions received for 2009 (\$2,004,692) for the year as at 31 December 2009.

23. The breakdown of expenditures recorded by object of expenditure for 2009 is shown in table 2 below.

**Table 2. BG Trust Fund expenditures in 2009 by object of expenditure (US\$ thousands)**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget (US\$)</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditure</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
Staff costs	1,541.5	1,508.64	98
Biosafety Bureau meetings	50.0	3.26	6
Travel on official business	60.0	46	77
Consultants/sub-contracts	25.0	17	68
Biosafety Clearing-House advisory	40.0	32	80

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget (US\$)</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditure</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
meetings			
Compliance Committee Meeting	47.5	37.6	79
Translation of Biosafety Clearing-House Website	20	0	
Temporary assistance/Overtime	20	0	
Liaison Group meetings	35	23.36	67
AHTEG Risk Assessment	90	74.72	83
Friends of the Co-chairs on Liability and Redress	100	42.06	42
General Operating expenses	248.10	223.34	90
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC)</i>	296.1	261.06	88
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b>2,573.1</b>	<b>2,008.13</b>	<b>78</b>
<i>Working Capital Reserve (5%)</i>	38.6		
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>2,611.8</b>	<b>2,008.13</b>	<b>77</b>

**B. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH Trust Fund)**

24. A total of \$1,791,300 was approved under the BH Trust Fund by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for 2009/2010. As at 31 December 2009, the Secretariat had received pledges for additional approved activities totalling \$607,964 in 2009. Collections of \$195,000 were recorded in 2009 as contributions for pledges made in 2008 and prior years, and \$415,835 were received in 2009 for pledges made in 2009 representing collection rate of 68.4%.

25. A total of \$221,954 was spent or committed in 2009 for additional approved activities, including:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Expenditure (US\$)</i>	<i>Number of funded participants</i>
Consultancy	25,990	N/A
SCBD staff servicing meetings	31,171	N/A
African Training of trainers on the identification and documentation of LMOs	73,092	20
Latin America Training of trainers on identification and documentation of LMOs	62,020	20

**C. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol Process (BI Trust Fund)**

26. A total of \$678,000 was approved under the BI Trust Fund by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to facilitate the participation of the developing countries to the COP MOP 5 in 2010 in Nagoya. As at 31 December 2009, the Secretariat has received pledges totalling \$50,879 in 2009 (7% of the amount approved to facilitate the participation to the COP MOP 5), of which contributions of \$31,065 had been paid. It should be noted that insufficient funds for the full participation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition will make it difficult for the Protocol to fulfil its mandate particularly at a time when decisions will be made by the COP-MOP on a Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and a ten-year Strategic Plan for the Protocol.

**III PROJECTED INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN 2010**

**A. General Trust Fund for the Biosafety Protocol (Core budget or BG Trust Fund)**

(i) *Budget for 2010*

27. In its decision BS-IV/7, the Conference of the Parties approved a core programme budget of \$2,880,900 for the year 2010 for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Of this amount, \$2,432,300 was to be payable by Parties in line with the scale set out in the annex of decision BS-IV/7, \$ 270,000 was withdrawn from surplus generated in prior years and \$178,600 was to be funded from the host country contribution as follows:

Source of funding	2010
Parties to Protocol	\$2,432,300
Host country	\$178,600
Surplus from prior years	\$ 270,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,880,900</b>

(ii) *Contributions for 2010*

28. As at 30 June 2010, contributions received for 2010 to the BG Trust Fund amounted to \$1,971,947 as follows:

Advance payments for 2010 received in 2009	\$ 607,843
Contributions for 2010 received in 2010	\$1,185,504
Contribution from the Host Government	\$ 178,600
	<b>\$1,971,947</b>

29. In addition, \$75,520 was received in 2010 for 2009 and prior years contributions.

(iii) *Commitments in 2010*

30. A total amount of \$2,880,900 has been obligated as commitments for the year 2010. This amount represents 100 per cent of the funds approved by the Conference of the Parties for the year 2010 (see table 3 below). Expenditure totalling \$1,031,070 was incurred in 2010 (as at 30 June).

**Table 3. BG Trust Fund commitments in 2010 by object of expenditure**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget (US\$)</i>	<i>Commitments/Expenditure</i>	<i>Percentage of approved budget</i>
Staff costs (including temporary assistance/overtime and training)	1,607,350	642,187	40
Consultants/sub-contracts	45,000	0	0
Travel on official business	60,000	58,000	97
Conference-servicing costs/meetings	582,500	39,264	7
General operating expenses	254,600	173,000	68
<b>Programme support costs</b>	331,450	118,619	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,880,900</b>	<b>1,031,070</b>	<b>36</b>

**B. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH Trust Fund)**

31. A total of \$1,791,300 was approved under the BH Trust Fund by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for 2009/2010. As at 30 June 2010, the Secretariat had received pledges for additional approved activities totalling \$112,543 in 2010, of which \$13,805 has been paid. Also, late payments totalling \$114,714 were received in 2010 for prior years. It should be noted that for 2009-2010 as at June 2010, only \$720,507 or 40% of the amount approved by COP/MOP-4 has been pledged to the voluntary Trust Fund (BH) for additional approved activities under the Protocol. This shortfall had hampered the delivery of the Biosafety work programme.

32. A total of \$285,558 was spent or committed in 2010 for additional approved activities, including:

Activity	Expenditure (US\$)	Number of funded participants
AHTEG Risk Assessment	45,188	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Friends of Co-chairs on Liability and Redress	67,493	18
3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Friends of Co-chairs on Liability and Redress	55,756	14
6th Coordination Meeting for Biosafety Capacity	14,011	12



Building activities		
Servicing SCBD meetings (travel costs)	93,588	N/A

33. The Second and Third Meetings of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety were held in Malaysia in February and June 2010. The Secretariat has as well convened, as per the COP MOP decision BS-IV/11, the 2<sup>nd</sup> AHTEG meeting on Risk Assessment in Ljubljana (Slovenia) in April 2010.

**C. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol Process (BI Trust Fund)**

34. A total of \$678,000 was approved under the BI Trust Fund by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to facilitate the participation of the developing countries to the COP MOP 5 in 2010 in Nagoya. As at 30 June 2010, the Secretariat has received pledges totalling \$172,287 (\$50,879 in 2009 and \$121,408 in 2010 (which represents 25% of the amount approved to facilitate the participation to the COP MOP 5), of which contributions of \$72,479 had been paid.

35. No expenditure has been incurred as yet as at 30 June 2010 under the BI Trust Fund to facilitate the participation to the COP MOP 5. The shortage in contribution has proved very challenging in securing the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition delegates to COP-MOP 5.

*Staff costs*

36. Staff costs include salaries and other staff benefits. Given that these costs are based on standard costs used by the United Nations, actual expenditures vary from one duty station to the other depending on fluctuations in post adjustment and other factors such as the number of dependents, education grant, and repatriation costs.

*Travel on official business*

37. The Secretariat staff represents the Protocol at various meetings and events, and travel of staff members to events hosted by other organizations is one of the important ways of achieving synergies and integrated work programmes. The travel on official business also includes the travel costs to service the meetings convened by the Secretariat under the Protocol. The Secretariat has arranged some 30 staff travels during the first 18 months of the biennium with a total cost of USD 78,500, which represent 65 % of the approved budget.

*General operating expenses*

38. General operating expenses include funding for office equipment and supplies, utilities and insurance costs, printing costs, communication costs and the distribution of printed and other materials. These expenses are shared costs with the Convention on the basis of 85:15 ratio.

**III. PERSONNEL**

*Established posts*

39. At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol approved eleven (11) posts under the core budget (BG Trust Fund) for the biennium 2009-2010 in its decision BS-IV/7 (seven Professional posts and four General Service posts). As at 30 June 2010, all the approved Professional (8) and General Service posts (4) funded from the core budget (BG Trust Fund) were filled.

40. Information on the status of staffing in the Secretariat is reported on a quarterly basis through the Quarterly Report that is posted on the Secretariat's website, and a detailed breakdown of the status can be found in section II of this document.

**Table 4. Status of staffing under the core budget (BG Trust Fund) (as at 30 June 2010)**

<i>Status of posts</i>	<i>Professional posts</i>	<i>General Service posts</i>
Total number of posts approved by the Conference of the Parties	7	4
Regularized	7	7
Recruitment in progress	0	0

#### *Shared posts*

41. During the current biennium, 13 posts (1 P5, 3 P4, 6 P3 and 3 GS posts) were shared with the Convention on the basis of 85:15 ratio.

#### *Staff development*

42. The Secretariat has organised a two-day training workshop on Team Building in December 2008 to facilitate the individual development of staff members and to further strengthen their commitment to the Secretariat's objectives and activities.

#### *Internship programme*

43. The Secretariat's internship programme is an ongoing programme that gives students an opportunity to spend a minimum of three and a maximum of sixth months at the Secretariat, in order to gain knowledge and research experience on issues relevant to their studies as well as to the work of the Protocol. It is a no-fee programme sponsored by the intern or a sponsoring organization. It provides the students with important practical experience, which compliments their studies and also benefits the Secretariat as an outreach programme in that these students take the knowledge and experience they have gained back to their institutions and countries. The programme has also been very beneficial to the Secretariat, as it serves as a readily available human resource pool for the Secretariat. During the first 18 months of the biennium 2009-2010, the Biosafety Unit accommodated 5 students from France, United States and Canada.

### **List of Meetings organized by the Secretariat for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

**2009-July 2010**

**2009**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
1 23 - 27 February 2009	First meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs Concerning Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Mexico City, Mexico
2 9 - 11 March 2009	Fifth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	San José, Costa Rica
3 12 - 13 March 2009	Sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	San José, Costa Rica

**2009**

	<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
4	20 - 24 April 2009	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
5	14 - 18 September 2009	Africa Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Bamako, Mali
6	19 - 21 October 2009	Fifth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
7	4 - 6 November 2009	Sixth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
8	8-Nov-09	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
9	23 - 27 November 2009	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Mexico City, Mexico

**2010**

	<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
1	1 - 3 February 2010	Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Siem Reap, Cambodia
2	4 - 5 February 2010	Seventh Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Siem Reap, Cambodia
3	8 - 12 February 2010	Second meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
4	15 - 17 February 2010	Third International Meeting of Academic Institutions and other Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Tsukuba, Japan
5	19 - 23 April 2010	Second Meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Ljubljana, Slovenia
6	15 - 19 June 2010	Third meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia