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Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Montreal, Canada
9 November 2003

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held on 9 November 2003, at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada.

1. Registration of participants will commence at 8:30 AM.

Item. 1. Opening of the meeting

2. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary at 9:00AM on Sunday 9 November 2003.

Item 2. Organizational Matters

Item 2.1. Adoption of the agenda

3. The draft provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/CHM) addresses issues referred to in: Annex II of Decision V/14, decision VI/18, the CHM Strategic Plan, and recommendations made by the IAC at its meeting of 9 April 2002 and 9 March 2003. It also addresses the participation of the CHM in the development and implementation of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). The meeting may wish to adopt the agenda with such amendments as may be agreed upon.

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Item 2.2. Organization of Work

4. The meeting will consider the proposed organization of work contained in Annex I below. The meeting may also wish to decide on the nature of the report of the meeting

Item 3. Report on implementation of the Activities identified in Annex II, Decision V/14 and Decision VI/18 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

5. The meeting will consider issues pertaining to implementation of activities identified in Annex II of Decision V/14 and Decision VI/18 as discussed in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/ Add.1, UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/ Add. 6, UNEP/CBD/COP/7/Inf. and UNEP/CBD/ COP/7/Inf.
6. The meeting will also consider recommendations arising from the regional CHM meetings in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe

Item 4. Progress report on the Biosafety Clearing-House

7. The Secretariat will present a brief summary of ongoing CHM activities in support of the Biosafety Clearing-House and work completed on interoperability standards.

Item 5. Other matters

7. The meeting may wish to consider other matters agreed upon for consideration.

Item 6. Closure of the meeting

8. The meeting will be closed on Sunday, 9 November 2003 at 2:00PM.

Annex I

Provisional organization of work for the Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee
To the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Montreal, Canada

9 November 2003

Sunday

9 November 2003

9:00-2:00

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2 Organization of the work
 - 2.3 Welcome new members
3. Report on implementation of the Activities identified in Annex II, Decision V/14 and Decision VI/18 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
4. Progress report on the Biosafety Clearing-House
5. Other matters
6. Closure of the meeting
