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Item 10 of the provisional agenda*

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to the entry into force of the Protocol on 11 September 2003 and following the offer of the Government of Malaysia to host the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in conjunction with the seventh ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol was held in Kuala Lumpur from 23 to 27 February 2004. The report of the meeting was sent to all Governments in April 2004 along with the decisions adopted by the Parties.
2. In decision BS-I/13 the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol agreed that its second meeting would be held in the second quarter of 2005, at a venue and on a date to be specified by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau.
3. Consequently, the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol was held in Montreal from 30 May to 3 June 2005. The report and decisions of the meeting were sent to all Governments in July 2005 along with a summary list of the requests addressed to Governments with submission dates for each request/decision in preparation for the third meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.
4. The Government of Brazil, subsequent to its offer to hold the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, expressed its willingness to host the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, in conjunction with the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. Accordingly, the third meeting will be held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 13 to 17 March 2006. The report and decisions of the meeting will be made available to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

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5. At the date of issuance of this note, 130 Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity had ratified/accepted/approved/acceded to the Protocol. The full list is shown in the table annexed to the present note.

Annex

STATUS OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AS AT 18/01/2006

Countries that have ratified/ accepted /approved or acceded to the Protocol

Africa (AFR): Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe (36 countries);

Asia and Pacific (AP): Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Jordan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Niue, Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tonga, Viet Nam, Yemen (33 countries);

Central and Eastern Europe (CEE): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine (18 countries);

Latin America and Caribbean (GRULAC): Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela (23 countries);

Western European and other States Group (WEOG): Austria, Belgium, Denmark, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (20 countries).
