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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
 3. Substantive issues:
 - 3.1. Recent technological developments in the field of synthetic biology;
 - 3.2. Evidence of benefits and adverse effects of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention;
 - 3.3. Living organisms developed through synthetic biology that may not be regarded as living modified organisms as per the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
 - 3.4. Tools to detect and monitor the organisms, components and products of synthetic biology;
 - 3.5. Risk management measures, safe use and best practices for safe handling of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology.
 4. Conclusions and ways forward.
 5. Other matters.
 6. Adoption of the report.
 7. Closure of the meeting.
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