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NOTIFICATION

**Recommendations from the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee
for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) requesting action from
Governments**

Madam/Sir,

During its second meeting held from 1 to 5 October 2001 in Nairobi, Kenya, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) adopted a number of recommendations requesting action from Parties and Governments on a number of issues that were for consideration by the meeting.

Please find attached herewith a summary list of the requests and recommendations addressed to Governments together with the submission dates for each of them. Please refer to the report of the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (UNEP/CBD/ICCP/2/15), which was sent to you earlier, for the full text of the requests and recommendations. You can find it also on the website of the Secretariat at <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/mtg-iccp-02.asp>. Kindly note that the ICCP urged Governments to submit appropriate information in time to allow for implementation of the work plan, but no later than 3 months before the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

In view of the fact that the Bureau of COP-5 endorsed the recommendation calling for a third meeting of the ICCP, to be held from 22 to 26 April 2002, back to back with the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-6), in the event that the fiftieth instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance of the Protocol is not deposited by 8 January 2002, it would be appreciated if the requested information is submitted to the Secretariat no later than 15 January 2002 to enable the Secretariat to take the information into account in the preparations for the third meeting of ICCP.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for the support your Government has provided so far to the work of the ICCP and I look forward to your continued cooperation.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: ICCP National Focal Points



CBD National Focal Points (where ICCP focal points have not yet been designated)

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT 1
SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARIAT
(as derived from the annex to UNEP/CBD/ICCP/2/15)

Agenda Item	Requested information	Date of submission
4.1 Liability and Redress	Information on national, regional and international measures and agreements in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of LMOs (para. 2, recommendation 2/1)	15 January 2002
	Organization of workshops by Parties (para. 4, recommendation 2/1)	Before COP/MOP1 or ICCP-3 as the case may be
	Views on elements of the terms of reference for the open-ended ad hoc group of legal and technical experts on liability and redress (para. 7, recommendation 2/1)	No later than 3 months prior to COP/MOP1
4.2 Monitoring and reporting	Comments on draft format for monitoring and reporting contained in annex to document UNEP/CBD/ICCP/2/4 (para. 2, recommendation 2/2)	Before 15 January 2002
4.6 Other issues necessary for effective implementation of the Protocol (e.g. Article 29, para.4)	Comments on mechanisms to promote consideration of issues, exchange views, and provide guidance on issues requiring clarification arising during ratification and implementation of the Protocol (para. 1, recommendation 2/6)	Before 15 January 2002
	Views on items to be included in a medium-term programme of work of the COP/MOP (para. 2, recommendation 2/6)	Before 15 January 2002
	Input to development of the Strategic Plan of the Convention, particularly with respect to draft elements relating to the Protocol (para. 7, recommendation 2/6)	Before 15 January 2002
	Designation of national focal points and competent national authorities (para. 1, Article 19 of the Protocol) (para. 3, recommendation 2/6)	As soon as possible
	Clarification of the role of ICCP national focal points vis-à-vis that of national focal points and competent national authorities under para. 1 of Article 19 of the Protocol (para. 4, recommendation 2/6)	As soon as possible, in any event no later than the date of entry of the Protocol for each Party
	Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of the Protocol, by Parties to the Convention (para. 5, recommendation 2/6)	As soon as possible
	Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of the Convention, by non-Parties, to enable them to also become Parties to the Protocol (para. 6, recommendation 2/6)	As soon as possible
4.8.2 Information Sharing and the BCH	Nomination of a national focal point for the BCH to be responsible for approving information registered on the BCH for each country. (para. 2, recommendation 2/8)	As soon as possible
	Participation in the development of the pilot phase of the BCH by registering and retrieving information, and submitting comments to the Secretariat as a basis for the review (para. 3, recommendation 2/8)	As soon as possible
4.8.3 Capacity-building	Progress reports on implementation of the action plan for building capacities for the implementation of the Protocol (para. A7, recommendation 2/9)	Before COP/MOP1
	Identification of national capacity needs (para. A-annex-3.4(a), recommendation 2/9)	Before 15 January 2002
	Prioritization of key capacity building elements by each country and sequencing of actions (para. A-annex-3.4(b), recommendation 2/9)	Before COP/MOP1
4.8.3 Capacity-building (Roster of experts)	Nomination of experts in accordance with the Interim Guidelines (para. B3, recommendation 2/9)	As soon as possible
4.8.4 Handling, transport, packaging and identification	Views as well as relevant information regarding the requirements of each element of para. 2(a) of Article 18 of the Protocol, and on the appropriate implementation of the requirement contained in the first sentence of that paragraph (para.4, recommendation 2/10)	Before 15 January 2002

	Provide financial support for two technical experts' meetings on Article 18 para. 2(a), and 2(b) and 2(c) (paras 2 & 5(b), recommendation 2/10)	Before 15 January 2002
4.8.5 Compliance	Submission of view or understandings on the contents in brackets in the compliance text (para. 2, recommendation 2/11)	Before 15 January 2002