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NOTIFICATION

Recommendations from the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) requesting action from Donor 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 donor Parties and Governments on certain issues that were for consideration by the meeting.

Please find attached herewith a summary of the recommendations addressed to donor Governments. 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. This information is also available on the Secretariat's website 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 COP-5 Bureau 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. Kindly also note that with respect to the recommendation concerning the roster of experts, the Secretariat is expected to provide a compilation report to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on submissions on financial support for use of the roster (paragraph 9 of recommendation 2/9-b))

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

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

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: ICCP National Focal Points of donor countries



ATTACHMENT

ACTION TO BE TAKEN INTER-SESSIONALLY BY DONOR COUNTRIES

The Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Agenda Item 4.8.2: Information-sharing

Recommendation 2/8. Information-sharing

5. *Recognizes* the interconnection between national capacities, effective use of the Biosafety Clearing-House, and successful implementation of the Protocol, and *urges* developed country Governments and other donors to provide financial support and appropriate technical assistance to developing countries, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition, as well as countries that are centres of origin and centres of genetic diversity, to enable them to access and use the pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the outcomes of the regional meetings on capacity-building needs for the Biosafety Clearing-House held for Africa and Latin America/Caribbean, and *encourages* Governments to support the implementation of the recommendations made at those meetings. The Intergovernmental Committee *further notes* that regional meetings are planned for Asia/Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe, and *recommends* that such regional capacity-building meetings be made an ongoing activity, subject to the necessary financial resources being made available;

Agenda Item 4.8.3: Capacity-building

Recommendation 2/9. Capacity-building and the roster of experts

B. Roster of experts

6. *Recommends* the establishment of a voluntary fund, administered by the Secretariat, for the specific purpose of supporting developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, to pay for the use of experts selected from the roster;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to develop a pilot phase of the voluntary fund and seek submissions from Governments on the operation of the voluntary fund, and report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, at its first meeting, on the progress made;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to seek submissions on financial support for use of the roster of experts, and provide a compilation report to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.