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NOTIFICATION

Decisions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/2) requesting action from Donor Governments

Madam/Sir,

At its second meeting held from 30 May to 3 June 2005 in Montreal, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/2) adopted a number of decisions 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 decisions addressed to donor Governments. Kindly note that the full report of the second meeting of the COP-MOP (document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/2/15), is available on the website of the Secretariat at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=MOP-02>. Given the importance of the attached decisions for the effective implementation of the Biosafety Protocol, I hereby urge you to make available the necessary funds at the earliest opportunity in order to make possible the implementation of the relevant activities.

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

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

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) National Focal Points of donor countries

Enclosure



ATTACHMENT

ACTION TO BE TAKEN INTER-SESSIONALLY BY DONOR COUNTRIES

The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Decision BS-II/2 Operations and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

Item 5 Operation and activities of the BCH (Article 20, para. 4)

8. *Invites* donor Governments and organizations to assist developing country Parties, 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 access and use the Biosafety Clearing-House, particularly in the areas of improved capacity for data collection and data management at a national level, strengthening of core human resources at a national level, and the establishment of appropriate infrastructure to share information at both national, regional and international levels;

Decision BS-II/3 Status of capacity-building activities

Item 6 Capacity-building (Article 22 and Article 28, paragraph 3):

9. *Invites* developed country Parties, other developed States, the Global Environment Facility and relevant organizations to:

(a) Provide financial resources and other support for training and education in biosafety, including the provision of scholarships and fellowships for students from developing countries, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition as well as support for “training-of-trainers” programmes and “re-training” courses;

(b) Assist countries to incorporate specific components on training and education in their capacity-building project proposals, for example for the implementation of the national biosafety frameworks;

14. *Invites* developed country Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to consider the information contained in the report in the development of their assistance programmes;

16. *Invites* developed countries and relevant international organizations to provide support to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing states among them, including countries among those that are centres of origin and centres of genetic diversity, as well as Parties with economies in transition, in the field of capacity-building, in particular for the development and implementation of national biosafety frameworks;

22. *Invites* donor countries and relevant organizations to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition, including countries amongst these that are centres of origin and centres of genetic diversity, to build capacity for conducting independent biosafety-related research;

23. *Further invites* donor countries and organizations supporting capacity-building activities to:

- (a) Consider simplifying the procedures for making resources available, and harmonize them to the extent possible, in order to improve access to resources for capacity-building by recipient countries;
- (b) Provide training in project-proposal development to interested recipient countries;
- (c) Consider requiring that countries seeking support for capacity-building initiatives provide information on other related ongoing initiatives in order to minimize duplication of capacity-building assistance;

Decision BS-II/4 Capacity-building (Article 22 and Article 28, paragraph 3)

Item 6: Capacity-building (Roster of Experts)

2. *Reminds* Parties and Governments ... (of) the review of the roster that will be undertaken two years after the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;

and of the need for voluntary contributions to support the review, in accordance with Table 3 of decision BS-I/10.

3. *Reiterates* its invitation to Governments and other donors to make contributions to the pilot phase of the Voluntary Fund for the roster of experts.

Decision BS-II/5 Financial mechanism and resources

Item 7 Financial Mechanism

1. *Encourages* all donors and their agencies as well as the Global Environment Facility to simplify, to the extent possible, their project cycle requirements in order to expedite access, by developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and the Parties with economies in transition, to the financial resources needed to assist the implementation of the Protocol;

Decision BS-II/7 Budget

Item 9 Budget

4. *Notes with concern* the shortfalls in contributions for supporting approved activities and participation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in meetings organized under the Protocol, and *urges* all Parties and States not Parties to the Protocol, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources, to contribute to the Special Voluntary Trust Funds (BH and BI) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to enable the Secretariat to implement approved activities in a timely manner.

Decision BS-II/11 Liability and redress (Article 27)

Item 13 Liability and redress (Article 27):

2. *Calls upon* Parties, other Governments and other stakeholders in a position to do so to provide financial resources for the organization of the meetings of the Working Group envisaged in the indicative work plan contained in decision BS-I/8;

Decision BS-II/13. Public awareness and participation

Item 15 Public awareness and Participation (e.g. Article 23)

4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, donors, other funding institutions and relevant international bodies to provide financial and other support to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, as well as Parties with economies in transition for the public awareness, education and participation projects and activities concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms;
