



**NOTIFICATION**

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21 September 2005

**Subject: (1) Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the  
meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/3)  
13-17 March 2006**

**and**

**(2) Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on  
Biological Diversity (COP-8)  
20-31 March 2006**

**Curitiba, Brazil**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Brazil, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-8) will be held in Curitiba, Brazil from 20 to 31 March 2006. The meeting will be preceded by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol (COP-MOP/3), from 13 to 17 March 2006, to be held at the same venue.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agendas and the pre-registration forms for both meetings. The pre-session documentation of the two meetings will be made available as soon as finalized. The pre-session documents will also be accessible at the web site: [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).

In this regard, I have the honour to invite your Government to designate its representative(s) to the above-mentioned meetings. Please inform the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your Government's officially designated representative(s) to these two meetings at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 January 2006** so that travel arrangements are made in a timely manner in favour of eligible participants. To facilitate registration and for security and logistical purposes, participants are kindly requested to pre-register with the Secretariat using the attached forms. Please note that the forms are also

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All National Focal Points to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety



included in the “Information for Participants Note” which is accessible at the Secretariat’s web site at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, I would be grateful if your Government would submit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, the credentials of your representative(s) and the names of the alternate representative(s) and advisor(s), as appropriate, for both COP-8 and COP-MOP/3 meetings. Please note that separate credentials for the two meetings are required, even in cases where the same delegate(s) would represent the Government in both meetings. You will find attached herewith, for your convenience, a sample format of appropriate credentials for each meeting, which should be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, except in the case of a regional economic integration organization, in which case it should be signed by the competent authority of that organization.

Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participations of Parties in the Convention Process for the biennium established by decision VII/34 and contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol process for the biennium established by decision BS-I/10, the Secretariat expects to be in a position to finance the participation of **one representative to COP-8** from each developing country **Party to the Convention** and **one representative to COP-MOP/3** from each developing country **Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**, in particular the least developed and small island States, as well as countries with economies in transition. Countries Party to the Convention **and/or** the Protocol wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the name and contact information of the designated delegate eligible for such financial support as soon as possible but not later than **31 January 2006**.

In view of the increased security procedures for travellers and budget constraints, and, in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meetings, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored delegates which impose restrictions with respect to changing the passenger’s name, travel dates and itinerary. In this respect, it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate name changes if they are received after **15 February 2006**.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary



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## CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Third meeting

Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organization of the meeting:
  - 2.1 Officers;
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Biosafety.

#### II. STANDING ISSUES

4. Report of the Compliance Committee.
5. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House.
6. Status of capacity-building activities and the use of the roster of biosafety experts.
7. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources.
8. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives.
9. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Protocol and on budgetary matters.

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**III. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

10. Handling, transport, packaging and identification (Article 18).
11. Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16).
12. Liability and redress (Article 27).
13. Subsidiary bodies (Article 30).
14. Monitoring and reporting (Article 33).
15. Assessment and review (Article 35).
16. Other scientific and technical issues that may be necessary for the effective implementation of the Protocol.

**IV. FINAL MATTERS**

17. Other matters.
18. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
19. Adoption of the report.
20. Closure of the meeting.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
Eighth meeting  
Curitiba, 20-31 March 2006

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
6. Pending issues.
7. Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**II. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

8. Reports of the regional preparatory meetings.
9. Reports of inter-sessional meetings.
10. Report on the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
11. Report of the Global Environment Facility.
12. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention.
13. Global Biodiversity Outlook.

**III. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION**

14. Island biodiversity.
15. Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands.
16. Global Taxonomy Initiative.
17. Access and benefit-sharing (Article 15).
18. Article 8(j) and related provisions.
19. Communication, education and public awareness (Article 13).

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#### **IV. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR EVALUATING PROGRESS OR SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION**

20. Progress towards implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan including the 2010 target and the Convention's contribution to relevant Millennium Development Goals:
  - 20.1. Review of implementation;
  - 20.2. Implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, cross-sectoral integration of biodiversity concerns, and options for the provision of increased technical support.
21. Implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.
22. Refining mechanisms to support implementation:
  - 22.1. Review of the effectiveness and impacts of the Convention bodies, processes and mechanisms;
  - 22.2. Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism;
  - 22.3. Technology transfer and cooperation;
  - 22.4. Financial resources and mechanism.
23. Monitoring progress and reporting processes, including integration of targets into the thematic programmes of work, national reporting and the Global Biodiversity Outlook.
24. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, and engagement of stakeholders in the implementation of the Convention.
25. Guidance to financial mechanism.

#### **V. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ARISING FROM DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

26. Thematic programmes of work:
  - 26.1. Forest biological diversity: implementation of the programme of work;
  - 26.2. Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems: criteria for site designation, and reporting processes;
  - 26.3. Marine and coastal biological diversity: deep-seabed genetic resources, and integrated marine and coastal area management;
  - 26.4. Agriculture biological diversity: International Soil Biodiversity Initiative, and cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition.
27. Cross-cutting issues:
  - 27.1. Protected areas: consideration of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas;
  - 27.2. Incentive measures: development of proposals on the removal or mitigation of perverse incentives, on positive incentives and on valuation tools;
  - 27.3. Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species: gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework;
  - 27.4. Impact assessment: refinement of guidelines for biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment;
  - 27.5. Liability and redress: consideration of the recommendations of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts;
  - 27.6. Biodiversity and climate change: guidance to promote synergy among activities for biodiversity conservation, mitigating or adapting to climate change and combating land degradation.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

28. Administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2007-2008.

**VII. FINAL MATTERS**

29. Other matters.
30. Adoption of the report.
31. Closure of the meeting.

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**Annex A**

**THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL (COP-MOP/3), CURITIBA, BRAZIL, 13 - 17 MARCH 2006**

**Pre-Registration Form (Please print)**

**Due to the number of forms involved, the Secretariat will not be able to acknowledge receipt of individual applications. Pre-registered participants will only be contacted in cases where further information is needed.**

Mr. /  Mrs. /  Ms. /  Amb. /  Dr. /  Prof.  Female  Male

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNCTION/TITLE: : \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended CBD meeting(s) before?:  Yes  No

Representing:

GOVERNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/department/agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(SHORT NAME / ACRONYM): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred languages:**

- English
- French
- Spanish
- Russian
- Arabic
- Chinese

**Please return duly completed no later than 31 January 2006 to:**

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Based on the received and duly completed pre-registration forms, badges will be prepared and handed over at the Registration Desk **only** upon the presentation of a valid passport or an identification card with a photograph.



**Annex B**

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP-8),  
CURITIBA, BRAZIL, 20 - 31 MARCH 2006**

**Pre-Registration Form (Please print)**

**Due to the number of forms involved, the Secretariat will not be able to acknowledge receipt of individual applications. Pre-registered participants will only be contacted in cases where further information is needed.**

Mr. /  Mrs. /  Ms. /  Amb. /  Dr. /  Prof.  Female  Male

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNCTION/TITLE: : \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended CBD meeting(s) before?:  Yes  No

Representing:

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**SAMPLE FORMAT FOR CREDENTIALS**  
**FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**  
**SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA**  
**PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (COP-MOP/3)**

**CREDENTIALS**

I, the undersigned [*Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs*] hereby make known that the following delegation has been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent [*country*] at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to be held in Curitiba, Brazil, from the thirteenth to the seventeenth of March in the year two thousand and six.

Head of Delegation [*Name of Head of Delegation*]

Alternate Head of Delegation [*Name of Alternate Head of Delegation*]

Representative(s) [*Name(s) of representative(s)*]

**DONE** in [*city*] on this [*day*] of [*month*] in the [*year*]

*Seal and Signature*

**SAMPLE FORMAT FOR CREDENTIALS**  
**FOR THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO**  
**THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (COP/8)**

**CREDENTIALS**

I, the undersigned [*Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs*] hereby make known that the following delegation has been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent [*country*] at the eight meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held in Curitiba, Brazil, from the twentieth to the thirty-first of March in the year two thousand and six.

Head of Delegation [*Name of Head of Delegation*]

Alternate Head of Delegation [*Name of Alternate Head of Delegation*]

Representative(s) [*Name(s) of representative(s)*]

**DONE** in [*city*] on this [*day*] of [*month*] in the [*year*]

*Seal and Signature*