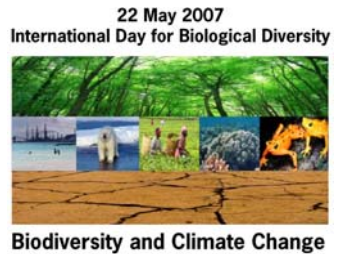


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NOTIFICATION

Report of the third meeting of the Open-ended *Ad hoc* Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and request for submission of further views

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the report of the third meeting of the Open-ended *Ad hoc* Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which was held in Montreal from 19 to 23 February 2007, is now available. The document (UNEP/CBD/BS/WG-L&R/3/3) may be accessed from the Secretariat's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/bs/bswglr-03/official/bswglr-03-03-en.doc>.

I wish to draw your attention, in particular, to the conclusions of the meeting contained in paragraph 92 of the report. The Working Group, among other things, invited Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations and stakeholders, to submit further views on the matter covered by Article 27 of the Protocol, in particular, with respect to approaches and options identified in sections I to VIII of the working draft, contained in Annex II of the report, preferably in the form of proposals for operational text, no later than three months before the fourth meeting of the Working Group.

The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled to take place from 22 to 26 October 2007 in Montreal, depending on the availability of voluntary financial contributions to support the participation of eligible Parties. In that context, the Secretariat would like to invite you to submit further views, in the form of operational text, as soon as possible but **not later than 5 July 2007**, in order to allow the Co-Chairs of the Working Group to undertake, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the necessary document preparations for the upcoming fourth meeting of the Working Group, in a timely manner.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the work of the Secretariat relating to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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