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NOTIFICATION

Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP MOP/5), 11 – 15 October 2010, Nagoya, Japan

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Japan, the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/5) will be held in Nagoya, Japan, from 11-15 October 2010.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agenda adopted by the COP-MOP Bureau at its meeting held in Berlin on 28 November 2008. The pre session documentation of the meeting will be made available as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than three months in advance of the meeting. The pre session documents and information for participants will also be accessible at the Convention website: <http://www.cbd.int>.

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, I would be grateful if your Government could submit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible and no later than **30 September 2010**, the credentials of your representative(s) and the names of the alternate representative(s) and advisor(s), for the COP-MOP/5. You will find attached herewith, for your convenience, a sample format of appropriate credentials for the meeting, which should be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, except in the case of regional economic integration organization, in which case it should be signed by the competent authority of that organization. Accreditation of representatives of Parties to this meeting will not be possible without proper credentials.

National Focal Points to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, CBD National Focal Points where Biosafety Focal Points have not yet been nominated



Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol process established by decision BS I/10, and in accordance with the interim policy adopted by the Bureau in this regard, the Secretariat expects to be in a position to finance the participation of **one representative to COP MOP/5** from each developing country **Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States amongst them, as well as Parties with economies in transition. Countries Party to the Protocol wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the name and contact information of the designated representative eligible to receive financial support as soon as possible but no later than **30 April 2010**. Please note that the Secretariat will be unable to respond positively to requests for financial support after this deadline.

In view of the increased security procedures for travelers and budget constraints, and, in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meeting, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored delegates. This imposes restrictions with respect to changes of passenger name, travel date and itinerary. In this regard, it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate name changes after **1 July 2010**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
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

Fifth meeting

Nagoya , Japan, 11 - 15 October 2010

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 fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

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 of living modified organisms (Article 18):
 - 10.1 Article 18, paragraph 2(a);
 - 10.2 Article 18, paragraph 3.
11. Rights and/or obligations of Parties of transit of living modified organisms.
12. Liability and redress (Article 27).
13. Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16).
14. Public awareness and participation (paragraph 1, Article 23).
15. Monitoring and reporting (Article 33).
16. Assessment and review (Article 35).
17. Strategic plan of the Protocol and programme of work of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

IV. FINAL MATTERS

18. Other matters.
19. Date and venue of the sixth meeting.
20. Adoption of the report.
21. Closure of the meeting.

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR CREDENTIALS FOR THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES
TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (COP MOP 5)

CREDENTIALS

I, the undersigned [*Head of State of 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 fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP MOP/5), to be held in Nagoya, Japan from the eleventh to the fifteenth of October in the year two thousand and ten.

Head of Delegation [*Name of Head of Delegation*]
Alternate Head of Delegation [*Name of Alternate of Delegation*]
Representative(s) [*Name(s) of representative(s)*]

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

Seal and Signature