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**Press Advisory**

**ATTENTION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL – ECONOMIC AFFAIRS – POLITICAL AND SOCIAL EDITORS  
REPORTERS COLUMNISTS**

**First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the  
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP MOP-1)  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 23 through 29, 2004**

**“MEDIA ADVISORY FOR YOUR CALENDAR”**

Launch of "The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: A Record of the Negotiations"  
To be followed immediately by the COP-MOP 1 Opening Press Conference

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia-** A new book entitled: [The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: A record of the Negotiations](#), published by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be launched on Monday, February 23, the opening day of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 1).

The book presents an analysis of the evolution of the Protocol’s provisions, article-by-article, including the different views that were expressed during the negotiations. The draft of the publication was prepared by the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD) at the request of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of the CBD, will make brief remarks and introduce Ruth Mackenzie who will give a short presentation of the book on behalf of FIELD

Immediately following the book launch, Mr. Zedan and the Malaysian Minister and Dato’ Seri Law, Malaysia’s Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment will hold a Press Conference. They will review the principal issues to be considered by the meeting of over 1000 participants, including delegates representing the 86 countries and the European Union that have ratified the Protocol.

Priority issues include: information sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House; capacity-building; liability and redress; compliance; and handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms. It is also expected that the meeting will adopt a medium term programme of work for the Protocol over the next 4 to 5 years.

## **RECAP**

**WHAT:** Launch of "The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: A Record of the Negotiations" followed immediately by the **Opening Press Conference of COP-MOP 1**

**WHERE:** Press Conference Room, Level IV, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**WHEN:** February 23, 2004 –13h15 (Kuala Lumpur Time)

**For more information, please see:** <http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/mop-01/press/>

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