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**NOTIFICATION**

**Recommendations from the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) requesting action from Donor Governments**

Madam/Sir,

During its third meeting held from 22 to 26 April 2002 in The Hague, The Netherlands, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) adopted a number of recommendations 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 recommendations addressed to donor Governments. Please refer to the report of the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (UNEP/CBD/ICCP/2/15), which was sent to you earlier, for the full text of the requests and recommendations. This information is also available on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.asp?wg=iccp-03>. Given the importance of the attached recommendations for the effective preparations for the entry into force and subsequently the 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 intersessional 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 ICCP and look forward to your continued cooperation.

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

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: ICCP National Focal Points of donor countries

Enclosure



## ATTACHMENT

### ACTION TO BE TAKEN INTER-SESSIONALLY BY DONOR COUNTRIES

*The Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*

#### ***Recommendation 3/3. Information-sharing***

##### Item 4.1.3: Information-sharing

6. *Recognizes* the importance of developing a fully functioning Biosafety Clearing-House by the time of entry into force of the Protocol, and of meeting the capacity needs of all countries with respect to implementation and use of the Biosafety Clearing-House, and *invites* developed country Governments and other donors to provide financial support to ensure that, where appropriate, these recommendations and those contained in the third note of the Bureau can be implemented, including the continuing development of regional activities and of essential tools and required equipment, such as the tool kit and the templates to assist countries to develop their own national databases that are interoperable with the Biosafety Clearing-House;

#### ***Recommendation 3/5. Capacity-building (Article 22 and Article 28, paragraph 3)***

##### Item 4.1.4: Capacity-building (Roster of Experts)

8. *Urges* Governments and other donors to make contributions to the pilot phase of the voluntary fund (to facilitate the use of the roster of experts by developing countries and countries with economies in transition, Parties to the Protocol).

##### Item 4.1.4: Capacity-building (Article 22 and Article 28, paragraph 3)

3. *Invites* developed country Parties and other donors to make voluntary financial contributions to the Secretariat to facilitate implementation of the Coordination Mechanism;

6 *Requests* developed country Parties, donors and relevant organisations to provide assistance to developing countries, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, to organize workshops on capacity-building;

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