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

Nairobi, Kenya  
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### **MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY HELD IN NAIROBI, KENYA, 23 MAY 2010**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The fourth meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held on 23 May 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya on the eve of the Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 3) The meeting was chaired by Mr. Wolfgang Koehler, Head of the Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering Unit in the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, representing the President of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the fourth Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. He was assisted by Mr. Volker Matzeit, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection.

2. The following Bureau members attended the meeting:

Ms. Somaly Chan (Cambodia)  
Mr. Ricardo Torres Carrasco (Colombia)  
Ms. Snezana Prokic (Serbia)  
Prof. James Seyani (Malawi)  
Dr. Abdelbagi Mukhtar Ali (Sudan)  
Mr. Robert Lamb (Switzerland)  
Ms. Åsa Norrman (Sweden)  
Dr. Volodymyr Domashlinets (Ukraine)

3. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Masayoshi Mizuno, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, COP 10 representative, Mr. Kazuaki Hoshino, Ministry of Environment of Japan, COP 10 representative, and Mr. Masamichi Saigo, Ministry of Agriculture, Japan, MOP 5 representative as ex-officio members of the Bureau, and as the host of the next session of the Conference of the Parties, serving as the fifth Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on

Biosafety. The Secretariat was represented by the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif and Mr. Charles Gbedemah, Head, Biosafety Division. The representatives of the Executive Director of UNEP were Mr. Carlos Martin-Novella and Mr. Balakrishna Pisupati.

#### **ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING**

4. The meeting was declared open at 9:45 by the President extending a warm welcome to all participants of the Bureau meeting. Mr. Djoghlaif, the Executive Secretary, also welcomed the participants and expressed his gratitude to the Governments of Germany and Japan for their contributions towards the success of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations in Nairobi, Kenya. He also expressed his appreciation to UNEP for hosting the celebrations and the Secretariat staff.

#### **ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

5. The Bureau then adopted the agenda, as outlined below:
1. Opening of the meeting
  2. Adoption of the agenda
  3. Status of the consultative process on Draft Strategic Plan (2011-2020) of the Protocol
  4. Preparation towards COP-MOP 5, Nagoya, Japan
  5. Other matters
  6. Closure of the meeting

#### **ITEM 3: Status of the consultative process on Draft Strategic Plan (2011-2020) of the Protocol**

6. The Secretariat introduced this item and noted that the consultative process set up by the Bureau has enabled Parties and other stakeholders to provide comments that have enriched the contents of the draft strategic plan of the Protocol. The Secretariat further stated that the Expert Group, as set up by the Bureau, comprising Colombia, Japan, Norway, Sudan, Uganda, the United Kingdom, UNEP and chaired by the COP-MOP Presidency; and the Informal Open-ended Consultation were held on the 19 May 2010 and 20 May 2010 respectively in Nairobi, Kenya at the margin of the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-14).

7. The Secretariat also pointed out that both the Expert Group and the Informal Open-ended Consultation endorsed the structure of the draft the Strategic Plan which is composed of five focal areas according to priority namely: i). Facilitating the establishment and further development of effective biosafety systems for the implementation of the Protocol; ii) Capacity building, iii) Outreach and Cooperation; iv) Compliance and review; and v) Information Sharing. The focal areas have also been further divided into sub focal areas also arranged according to priority.

8. The Secretariat further pointed out that the consultations also accepted the draft programme of work which now forms the annex II of the draft strategic plan.

9. The Bureau after expressing their appreciation for the current draft noted that the heading "Human Resource Support for Implementation of the Strategic Plan" should now be entitled "Support for the implementation of the Strategic Plan" and its paragraph 12 expanded

to state the need for additional funding outside the GEF and national supports to implement the Protocol.

10. On this note, the Bureau then agreed that the draft strategic plan, after the expanded paragraph 12, be processed through the normal channels as a working document on the strategic plan of the Protocol and presented to COP-MOP/5 in Nagoya, Japan, for its consideration.

#### **ITEM 4: PREPARATION TOWARDS COP-MOP 5, NAGOYA, JAPAN**

11. The Secretariat introduced this item by noting that some consultation has been undertaken in identifying officers for the COP-MOP in Nagoya, Japan. The Secretariat noted that by tradition, Japan is proposed as the President of COP-MOP. It was further proposed that, taking both geographical and gender balance into consideration, it was proposed that Dr. Darja Stanic Racman of Slovenia chairs Working Group 1, while Professor James Seyani of Malawi chairs Working Group II. It was further proposed that Ms. Snezana Prokic of Serbia acts as the Rapporteur of the COP-MOP. The proposals were unanimously endorsed by the Bureau.

12. The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the preparations for the third meeting of the Group of Friends of the Co-chairs for the Liability and Redress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 15 -19 June 2010. The Secretariat noted that since the meeting had not been envisaged, even though all arrangements have been made, there still exists a shortage of funds for the meeting which it is hoped will be overcome in due course.

#### **ITEM 5: OTHER MATTERS**

13. The Executive Secretary brought to the attention of the Bureau that as a follow up of the note on 13% submitted to the last meeting of the Bureau in Cali, a dialogue has been initiated with UNEP. As a result, it was agreed that UNEP will submit to the next biennium of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for 2012-2013 the cost of convening the sixth meeting of COP/MOP including the cost of translation, interpretation and security so as to align SCB with the services provided by the UNGA for UNCCD and UNFCCC. To this end, a draft decision will be submitted for COP MOP-5 in Nagoya and subsequently to the Governing Council of UNEP. However there is a need to submit this proposal to UNEP in July 2010, before the finalisation of the draft UNEP budget to UNGA. The representative of the Executive Director of UNEP confirmed this initiative and noted that the initiative if approved would make some funds available for other activities under the CBD. The Bureau supported the initiative and hoped that this will be agreed by the sixty-sixth session of UNGA.

14. The Bureau member from Sweden, Ms. Åsa Norrman, informed the meeting that she would be replaced on the COP-MOP bureau by Ms. Charlotta Sorquist, also of Sweden during the COP-MOP deliberations in Nagoya.

15. The President also informed the meeting that there may be a possibility to hold another Bureau meeting at the margins of the next Access and Benefit meeting in Montreal, Canada, on 9 July 2010 to discuss the proposed budget of the Protocol.

#### **ITEM 6: CLOSURE**

16. The meeting was closed at 11.10 on Sunday 23 May 2010.

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