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**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Meeting of the Signatories to the  
Convention on Access to Information,  
Public Participation in Decision-making and  
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms  
(Third meeting, Geneva, 17 – 19 June 2002)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 June 2002

1. Adoption of the agenda (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/5).
2. Preparation of guidelines on access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to genetically modified organisms (GMOs) (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/7).
3. Preparation of a draft decision on genetically modified organisms for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/8).
4. Any other business.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

The third meeting of the Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms will take place on 17-19 June 2002.

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

### Item 2. Preparation of guidelines on access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to GMOs

At its second meeting, the Working Group invited its Chairperson, Mr. Helmut Gaugitsch (Austria), to prepare a new draft of the guidelines on access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to GMOs, with the assistance of the secretariat and a small but representative ad hoc drafting group (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/2, para. 36). The drafting group met in Geneva on 18 – 19 March 2002. On the basis of the discussions, the Chairperson prepared new draft guidelines (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/7), which the Working Group is expected to use as a basis for discussion.

### Item 3. Preparation of a draft decision on genetically modified organisms for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties

The Working Group will continue its work on the preparation of a draft decision for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties. Following the request by the Working Group at its second meeting (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/2, para. 37), the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau and taking account of the Working Group's discussion, has prepared a revised text of the draft decision for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/8). The Working Group is expected to use the revised text as a basis for discussion.

### Item 4. Any other business

Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.