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Ninth meeting

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Item 1.7 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Date and venue of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. Rule 4, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties provides that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years. Paragraph 2 of the same rule provides that, at each ordinary meeting, the Conference of the Parties shall decide on the dates and duration of its next ordinary meeting. Since the entry into force of the Convention, the venues of meetings of the Conference of the Parties have been as follows: COP-1 Nassau (the Bahamas); COP-2 Jakarta (Indonesia); COP-3 Buenos Aires (Argentina); COP-4 Bratislava (Slovakia); COP-5 Nairobi (Kenya); COP-6 The Hague (Netherlands); COP-7 Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia); COP-8 Curitiba (Brazil); and COP-9 Bonn (Germany). Thus, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its tenth meeting.
2. In this connection, for the first time in the history of the Convention, a Government has come forward and made public its intention to offer to host the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties well before the meeting at which the decision is to be made. The Government of Japan has announced its offer to host the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the tenth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. The decision to do so was made at the level of the Cabinet of Japan on 16 January 2007 and officially conveyed to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. A presentation on the offer of Japan was made to the current Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its meeting held in Paris on 8 July 2007. On this occasion, the Bureau welcomed the offer of Japan.
3. After consultation with the Executive Secretary and taking into account the calendar of United Nations meetings, the Government of Japan proposes to host the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the tenth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, from 11 to 15 October and 18 to 29 October 2010, respectively.
4. The Secretariat has no information regarding any other offer to host the two meetings. Therefore, at its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will have before it the following draft decision on the

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dates and venue of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the tenth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which was submitted to the current Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its meeting held in Rome on 10 February 2008:

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

1. *Welcomes* the generous offer of the Government of Japan to host the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
2. *Decides* that the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the tenth meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in the City of Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, from 11 to 15 October and 18 to 29 October 2010, respectively, and that the high level segment will be held on 27-29 October 2010;
3. *Calls on* Parties to contribute to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process (BZ) and to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Protocol (BI) adequate resources in a timely manner to ensure the full participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States amongst them, as well as Parties with economies in transition;
4. *Invites* interested Parties to notify the Executive Secretary of their offers to host the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as soon as possible.
