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Geneva, 1-5 December 2008

Meeting of Experts
Geneva, 18-22 August 2008
Item 3 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the Programme of Work

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

Submitted by the Chairman

Monday, 18 August 2008

Opening session

10:00

<i>Agenda Item 1:</i>	Opening of the Meeting.
<i>Agenda Item 2:</i>	Adoption of the Agenda.
<i>Agenda Item 3:</i>	Adoption of the Programme of Work.
<i>Agenda Item 4:</i>	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure.

Substantive work

<i>Agenda Item 5:</i>	Consideration of national, regional and international measures to improve biosafety and biosecurity, including laboratory safety and security of pathogens and toxins.
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Open session

11:00	Introductory statements.
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Open session

15:00	Presentations by intergovernmental organizations.
17:00	(Reserved for informal consultations - NGOs)

Tuesday, 19 August 2008

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of national, regional and international measures to improve biosafety and biosecurity, including laboratory safety and security of pathogens and toxins.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity concepts

10:00 Presentations from international organisations; discussion.

11:30 Presentations from States Parties; discussion.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity concepts (continued)

15:00 Presentations from scientific and professional organisations; discussion.

16:30 Discussion panel: representatives from the private sector; discussion.

Wednesday, 20 August 2008

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of national, regional and international measures to improve biosafety and biosecurity, including laboratory safety and security of pathogens and toxins.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity capacity building

10:00 Presentations from States Parties and international and regional organisations; discussion.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity risk management

11:30 Discussion panel: experts from international organisations, scientific and professional organisations and academia; discussion.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of oversight, education, awareness raising, and adoption and/or development of codes of conduct with the aim of preventing misuse in the context of advances in bio-science and bio-technology research with the potential of use for purposes prohibited by the Convention.

Working session on the oversight of science

15:00 Presentations from States Parties and scientific and professional organisations; discussion.

Thursday, 21 August 2008

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Working session on education and awareness raising

10:00 Discussion panel: experts from international organisations, scientific and professional organisations and academia; discussion.

11:00 Presentations from States Parties and international and regional organisations; discussion.

Working session on codes of conduct

15:00 Presentations from States Parties; discussion.

Friday, 22 August 2008**Working session**

10:00 Discussion of the draft factual report describing the work of the meeting.

Closing session

15:00

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of factual report describing the work of the meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Closing of the Meeting.
