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Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms (Fourth meeting, Geneva, 18-20 October 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 October 2004

- 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 2. Legally binding options for further developing the application of the Convention to genetically modified organisms.
- 3. Draft decision on genetically modified organisms.
- 4. Any other business.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

At its fourth meeting, the Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) is expected to fulfil its mandate (see decision I/4) so that the Working Group of the Parties can review the results of its work, make the adjustments that it considers necessary and submit the final outcome to the Meeting of the Parties, for consideration.

<u>Item 1</u> <u>Adoption of the agenda</u>

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

<u>Item 2</u> <u>Legally binding options for further developing the application of the Convention to GMOs</u>

At its third meeting (Geneva, 24-26 March 2004), the Working Group discussed a number of possible legally binding options for further developing the application of the Convention to decision making on GMOs (see MP.PP/AC.2/2004/2). The Working Group invited delegations to submit comments on any of the options annexed to the report of the meeting, including views on how to combine several options. The Working Group is expected to use this input as a basis for considering, selecting and developing further the most appropriate option(s).

<u>Item 3</u> <u>Draft decision on genetically modified organisms</u>

At its third meeting, the Working Group also mandated the Bureau and the secretariat to prepare a draft decision on GMOs for the second ordinary meeting of the Parties (25-27 May 2005, Almaty, Kazakhstan). The Working Group is expected to use the draft decision 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.



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