

# WG Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) & Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

## Background

### Convention on Biological Diversity

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was adopted in 1992 and has currently over 190 Parties. The objectives of the CBD are: the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources. Two articles of the CBD are directly relevant for to biotechnology and biosafety: article 8 and article 19. The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the governing body of the Convention, and advances implementation of the Convention through the decisions it takes at its periodic meetings.

### Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) was adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in 2000 as an additional protocol to the Convention of Biological Diversity. It has currently over 150 Parties. The objective of the Protocol is to contribute to the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into accounts risk to human health, and specifically focusing on transboundary movement. The Meeting of the Parties (MOP) is the governing body of the Protocol and it currently meets every two years.

## WG OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Working Group is to offer a forum for the public research sector scientists to be informed about and involved in the ongoing discussions of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) and the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The most recent negotiations in which PRRI participated were:

- The Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4) 12 - 16 May 2008, Bonn, Germany.
- The Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9), 19 - 30 May 2008, Bonn, Germany.

PRRI participation in MOP4/COP9 (May 2008, Bonn, Germany)

## DOcUMENTS AND STATEMENTS

PRRI documents and statements during for MOP4 and COP9

[PRRI MOP4 Statement on Socioeconomics-EN](#)

[PRRI MOP4 statement on Public Awareness\\_EN](#)

[PRRI MOP4 Statement on Public Awareness\\_ES](#)

[PRRI MOP4 Statement on Risk Assessment\\_EN](#)

PRRI MOP4 Statement on Biosafety Clearing House\_EN

PRRI MOP4 statement on Assessment and Review - EN

PRRI MOP4 Statement on Notifications\_EN

PRRI MOP4 Opening Statement\_EN

PRRI COP9 Statement on GM Trees\_20 May\_En

PRRI COP9 Statement on GM Trees\_26 May\_En

PRRI COP9 Statement on GM Trees\_27 May\_En

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PRRI documents and statements preparing for MOP4

PRRI Submission MOP4 on socio-economic impacts of LMOs \_30 Nov 2007

PRRI Submission MOP4 on Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol\_30 Nov 2007

PRRI Submission MOP4 on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of LMOs\_30 Nov 2007

PRRI documents and statements for intersessional meetings organised by the CBD secretariat

PRRI submission on Biosafety Education and Training 13-04-07 104.11 Kb

PRRI submission for the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House 04-10-07 131.48 Kb

PRRI statements made during MOP3 and COP8

MOP3 - PRRI Opening Statement 32.58 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on the Biosafety Clearing House 25.50 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Article 18.2b and c 26.14 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Assessment and Review 25.63 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Capacity Building 34.21 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on other technical issues 26.71 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Roster of Experts 33.61 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Selfsustainability 25.91 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Subsidiary Body 25.17 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Liability 26.18 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Statement on Risk Assessment 34.73 Kb

MOP3 - PRRI Closing Statement 27.43 Kb

MOP3 and COP8 - PRRI Participation Report 68.81 Kb

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PRRI statements made during MOP2

PRRI summary of statements MOP2 40.21 Kb

PRRI opening statement MOP2 38.07 Kb

PRRI statement on liability MOP2 37.77 Kb

PRRI statement on notifications MOP2 31.42 Kb

PRRI statement on other scientific issues MOP2 32.23 Kb

PRRI statement on public awareness MOP2 31.76 Kb

PRRI statement on risk assessment MOP2 33.75 Kb

PRRI statement on socio-economic considerations MOP2 29.99 Kb

PRRI closing statement MOP2 37.71 Kb

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Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety &ndash; English 315.50 Kb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety &ndash; French 317.38 Kb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety &ndash; Spanish 389.41 Kb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety &ndash; Russian 2.25 Mb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety &ndash; Chinese 3.82 Mb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety &ndash; Arabic 784.34 Kb

An Explanatory Guide to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 1.79 Mb

Guía Explicativa del Protocolo de Cartagena sobre Seguridad de la Biotecnología 5.58 Mb

Guide explicatif du Protocole de Cartagena sur la prevention des risques biotechnologiques 1.89 Mb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety a record of the negotiations 1.17 Mb

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety from Negotiations to Implementation 963.90 Kb

Frequently asked questions on the Biosafety Protocol 109.06 Kb

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