

**FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE  
STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND  
STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL  
(BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS  
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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**PROPOSAL**

**Working paper by Mexico and Peru**

The Conference recognizes the importance of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which seeks to contribute to ensuring an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms.

The Conference takes note of the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regarding the application of an advanced informed agreement procedure applied to intentional transboundary movement of living modified organisms for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import.

The Conference decides that States Parties to the BWC shall apply on an interim basis - while the Cartagena Protocol does not enter into force - provisions regarding the Cartagena Protocol's informed agreement procedure applied to the international transfer of living modified organisms which are bacteriological (biological) agents.

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