

**Letter of Intent
Between
Canadian Universities and Research Institutions
and The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

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Noting that successful implementation of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will depend on bringing to bear the best available scientific and technical knowledge;

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Objective

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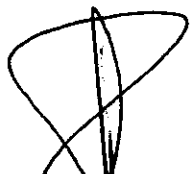
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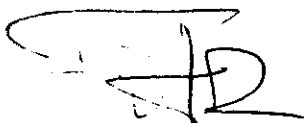
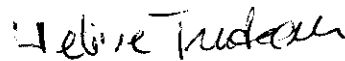
Signed this 23rd day of May 2006 at Montreal, Canada



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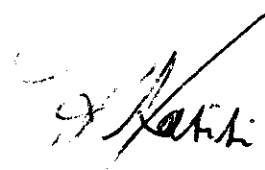
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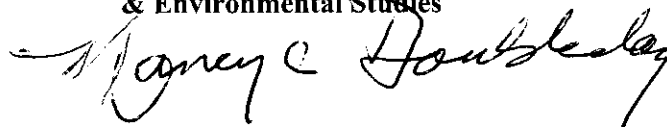
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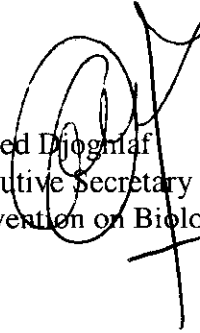
M. Gilles Vincent
Directeur
Jardin Botanique de Montréal

Signed this 13th day of June 2006 at Montreal, Canada



Dr. Frank Müller
Professor
Department of Economics

On behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Science
Concordia University



Ahmed Djoghlaf
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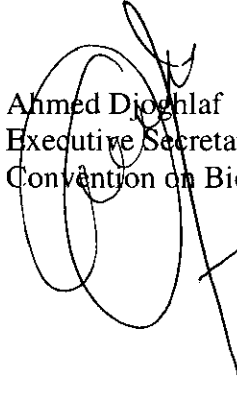
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*Prepared in Montreal, Canada
May 23, 2006*

Signed this *7th* day of *July* 2006 at *Montreal, Canada*



Dr. Ingrid Stefanovic
Director
Centre for Environment
University of Toronto



Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary
Convention on Biological Diversity

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*Prepared in Montreal, Canada
May 23, 2006*

Signed this 26th day of September 2006 at Montréal, Québec



M. Claude Hamel
Professor
Institut des sciences de l'environnement
Université du Québec à Montréal



Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary
Convention on Biological Diversity

**Letter of Intent Between
McGill University and The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological
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Noting that successful implementation of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will depend on bringing to bear the best available scientific and technical knowledge;

We, the Executive Secretary of the Convention and the representatives of McGill University, have agreed as follows:

Objective

The overall aim of this Letter of Intent is to promote a strong scientific and technical partnership between Convention processes and McGill University, in support of the enhanced phase of implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol.

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1. McGill University, and the Secretariat, will designate a focal point for advancing the objectives of this Memorandum and mutually agreed activities, and for facilitating the exchange of information on all issues of relevance to scientific and technical cooperation;

Term

This Letter of Intent shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years from the date of the last signature. Either institution may terminate their involvement with six months advance written notice to the other institution.

*Prepared in Montreal, Canada
May 23, 2006*

Signed this11..... day ofDecember..... 2006 atMontreal.....

Martin Grant

Dr. Martin Grant
Dean of the Faculty of Science
McGill University

Ahmed Djoghlaif

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary
Convention on Biological Diversity

LETTRE D'ENTENTE

ENTRE

L'Université Laval

ET

Le Secrétariat de la Convention sur la diversité biologique

Entre les partenaires susdésignés et dénommés ci-après l'Université Laval et le Secrétariat de la Convention sur la diversité biologique, il est convenu de rappeler que les objectifs de la Convention sont la conservation de la diversité biologique, l'utilisation durable de ses éléments et le partage juste et équitable des avantages découlant de l'exploitation des ressources génétiques.

Il est convenu et attendu que l'objectif du Protocole de Cartagena est de contribuer à assurer un degré adéquat de protection pour le transfert, la manipulation et l'utilisation sans danger des organismes vivants modifiés résultant de la biotechnologie moderne qui peuvent avoir des effets défavorables sur la conservation et l'utilisation durable de la diversité biologique, compte tenu également des risques pour la santé humaine, en mettant plus précisément l'accent sur les mouvements transfrontières;

Il est convenu de rappeler l'article 12 de la Convention, portant sur la recherche et la formation, et l'article 18 de la Convention portant sur la coopération technique et scientifique ;

Il est convenu de rappeler l'Article 22 du Protocole de Cartagena, au sujet de la création de capacités;

Il est convenu et attendu que la décision II/9 par laquelle la Conférence des Parties acceptait l'offre du Canada de loger à Montréal le Secrétariat de la Convention sur la diversité biologique et l'accord de siège entre le Gouvernement du Canada et le Secrétariat de la Convention qui fut signé à New York le 25 octobre 1996 ;

Il est convenu de rappeler la réputation mondiale du Canada en recherche et en développement de même que de l'énorme capacité des universités canadiennes tant en recherche qu'en savoir dans des domaines en rapport avec les trois objectifs de la Convention ;

Il est convenu de rappeler que la mise en œuvre de la Convention et son Protocole de Cartagena sur la Prévention des risques biotechnologiques dépendra de l'apport des connaissances scientifiques et techniques disponibles les plus récentes ;

Nous, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la Diversité biologique et les [représentants] des universités et instituts de recherche canadiens, sommes convenus de ce qui suit :

Objectifs

L'objectif général de cette lettre d'entente est de promouvoir un solide partenariat scientifique et technique entre les actions de la Convention et les universités et instituts de recherche canadiens, en vue d'appuyer la phase marquée de la mise en œuvre des objectifs de la Convention et son Protocole de Cartagena.

Domaines de coopération

Les parties à cette lettre d'entente vont :

1. Développer des mécanismes permettant le partage de renseignements d'ordre scientifique et technique et d'avis pertinents aux programmes de travail de la Convention et son Protocole, incluant :

- (i) un répertoire par thèmes d'experts rattachés aux facultés et chercheurs pertinents ;
- (ii) un processus de révision par les pairs des rapports scientifiques et techniques et autres documents émanant du Secrétariat, auxquels les experts des universités pourront contribuer ;
- (iii) l'organisation d'événements divers, séminaires, présentations et autres tribunes abordant des sujets pertinents aux travaux de la Convention et son Protocole.

2. Donner l'opportunité à des étudiants prometteurs et de jeunes lauréats de se perfectionner lors de contributions au travail du Secrétariat dans des domaines d'étude pertinents au objectifs de la Convention et son Protocole en :

- (i) favorisant l'étude de sujets et enjeux en rapport avec la Convention et son Protocole dans leurs travaux, mémoires, publications et thèses ;
- (ii) établissant un programme qui permettra à des étudiants d'effectuer des stages au Secrétariat ;
- (iii) favorisant pour les lauréats récents à la maîtrise et au doctorat leur engagement à joindre le Secrétariat pour des contrats à court terme ;

3. Fournir des avis sur le matériel de formation et les parcours visant à favoriser de façon marquée la mise en œuvre de la Convention et son Protocole, particulièrement dans les pays en développement, et participer, quand jugé approprié, aux programmes de formation établis par la Convention ;

4. Le cas échéant, participer à la préparation et la célébration de la Journée internationale de la biodiversité, et lors de l'année internationale de la biodiversité, en 2010 ;

5. Promouvoir mutuellement des activités d'intérêt partagé, selon des modalités à définir.

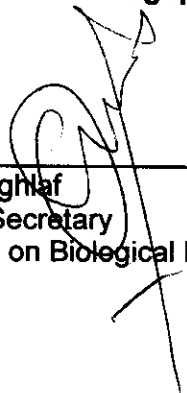
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1. Chaque université et institut de recherche ainsi que le Secrétariat, verra à désigner un correspondant (point focal) qui verra à faire progresser les objectifs de cette Lettre d'entente et les activités mutuellement convenues qu'elle renferme, ainsi que pour favoriser les échanges de renseignements sur tous les sujets pertinents à la coopération scientifique et technique ;

2. Un comité d'organisation comprenant un représentant de la Convention et les correspondants (points focaux) des universités et des instituts de recherche sera formé

3. Les droits de propriété intellectuelle relatifs aux résultats obtenus au cours de programmes communs de recherche mentionnés sont protégés suivant les lois et règlements en vigueur dans les pays des chercheurs impliqués.

**Pour le Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention
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Executive Secretary
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Pour l'Université Laval



Michel Pigeon
Recteur

Date : _____

Date : 30 avril 2007