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STATUTES¹ OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

PREAMBLE

THE STATES, PARTIES TO THE PRESENT STATUTES

Recognizing the need for developing and applying peaceful uses of genetic engineering and biotechnology for the benefit of mankind,

Urging that the potential of genetic engineering and biotechnology should be utilized to contribute to solving the pressing problems of development, particularly in the developing countries,

Being aware of the need for international co-operation in this field, particularly in research, development and training,

¹ Came into force on 3 February 1994 for the following States, the date on which at least 24 of them, including the Host States of the Centre (Italy and India), had deposited instruments of ratification or acceptance and, after having ascertained among themselves that sufficient financial resources are ensured, notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their agreement to the entry into force, in accordance with article 21 (1):

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or acceptance (A)</i>		<i>Date of the notification</i>
Afghanistan	6 July	1988	
Algeria	11 September	1987	22 December 1992
Argentina	8 May	1990	22 December 1992
Bhutan	7 May	1985	22 December 1992
Brazil	9 March	1990	4 February 1993
Bulgaria	23 June	1986 A	
China	13 April	1992 A	22 December 1992
Croatia	26 August	1993 A	20 September 1993
Cuba*	30 June	1986	22 December 1992
Egypt	13 January	1987	22 December 1992
Hungary	13 January	1987 A	31 August 1993
India	9 July	1985	22 December 1992
Iraq	19 February	1985	22 December 1992
Italy*	20 September	1990	22 December 1992
Kuwait*	21 October	1986	
Mauritius	5 January	1989	11 May 1993
Mexico*	21 January	1988	
Morocco	28 June	1990	22 December 1992
Nigeria	13 March	1991	
Panama	12 August	1986	22 December 1992
Russian Federation	30 November	1992 A	22 December 1992
Senegal	4 May	1985	23 December 1993
Sri Lanka	1 October	1993	3 February 1994
Sudan	21 October	1991	22 December 1992
Tunisia	20 September	1990	22 December 1992
Turkey	10 January	1989	22 December 1992
Venezuela	15 October	1985	22 December 1992
Viet Nam	15 April	1993 A	15 April 1993
Yugoslavia	18 March	1987	22 December 1992

* For the text of the declarations and reservation made upon ratification, see p. 274 of this volume.

Emphasizing the urgency of strengthening the scientific and technological capabilities of developing countries in this field,

Recognizing the important role that an International Centre would play in the application of genetic engineering and biotechnology for development,

Bearing in mind that the High-Level Meeting held on 13-17 December 1982 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, recommended that an International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology of high excellence be established soonest possible, and

Recognizing the initiative taken by the Secretariat of UNIDO for the promotion and the preparation of the establishment of such a Centre,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

Establishment and Seat of the Centre

1. An International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre") is hereby established as an international organization comprising a centre and a network of affiliated national, sub-regional and regional centres.
2. The Centre shall have its seat at

Article 2

Objectives

The objectives of the Centre shall be:

- (a) To promote international co-operation in developing and applying peaceful uses of genetic engineering and biotechnology, in particular for developing countries;
- (b) To assist developing countries in strengthening their scientific and technological capabilities in the field of genetic engineering and biotechnology;

- (c) To stimulate and assist activities at regional and national levels in the field of genetic engineering and biotechnology;
- (d) To develop and promote application of genetic engineering and biotechnology for solving problems of development, particularly in developing countries;
- (e) To serve as a forum of exchange of information, experience and know-how among scientists and technologists of Member States;
- (f) To utilize the scientific and technological capabilities of developing and developed countries in the field of genetic engineering and biotechnology; and
- (g) To act as a focal point of a network of affiliated (national, sub-regional and regional) research and development centres.

Article 3

Functions

Towards the fulfilment of its objectives, the Centre shall generally take necessary and appropriate action, and in particular shall:

- (a) Carry out research and development including pilot-plant activities in the field of genetic engineering and biotechnology;
- (b) Train at the Centre and arrange the training elsewhere of scientific and technological personnel, particularly from developing countries;
- (c) Provide, upon request, advisory services to Members to develop their national technological capacity;
- (d) Promote interaction between the scientific and technological communities of the Member States through programmes to enable visits of scientists and technologists to the Centre, and through programmes of associateship and other activities;
- (e) Convene expert meetings to strengthen the activities of the Centre;
- (f) Promote networks of national and international institutions as appropriate to facilitate activities such as joint research programmes,

training, testing and sharing of results, pilot-plant activities, information and material exchange;

- (g) Identify and promote without delay the initial network of highly qualified research centres to serve as Affiliated Centres, promote existing national, sub-regional, regional and international networks of laboratories, including those associated with the organizations mentioned in Article 15, active in or related to the field of genetic engineering and biotechnology to serve as Affiliated Networks, as well as promote the establishment of new highly qualified research centres;
- (h) Carry out a programme of bio-informatics to support in particular research and development and application for the benefit of developing countries;
- (i) Collect and disseminate information on fields of activities of concern to the Centre and the Affiliated Centres;
- (j) Maintain close contacts with industry.

Article 4

Membership

1. Members of the Centre shall be all States that have become parties to these Statutes in accordance with Article 20 thereof.
2. Founding Members of the Centre shall be all Members that have signed these Statutes before their entry into force in accordance with Article 21 thereof.

Article 5

Organs

1. The organs of the Centre shall be:
 - (a) The Board of Governors,
 - (b) The Council of Scientific Advisers,
 - (c) The Secretariat.
2. Other subsidiary organs may be established by the Board of Governors in accordance with Article 6.