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ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 17-29 November 2018
Agenda item 14

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

9/7. Preparation for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

1. *Takes note* of the proposed preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and *welcomes* decision 14/34 of the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Stresses* the importance of including biosafety in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as the necessity of developing a specific Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety as a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020;
3. *Also notes* the importance of the active involvement of biosafety experts, including those with expertise on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
4. *Invites* Parties to participate in the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
5. *Decides* to develop a specific Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 that is anchored in and complementary to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the development of its elements;
6. *Also decides* that the specific Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol post-2020 will: (a) be developed as an implementation tool; (b) reflect the elements of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020 that are still relevant; (c) include new elements reflecting lessons learned and new developments relevant to biosafety; (d) ensure sufficient flexibility to account for developments during the implementation period; and (e) comprise indicators that are simple and easily measurable to facilitate the review of progress in the implementation of the Protocol;
7. *Further decides* to expand the mandate and scope of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, as outlined in the annex, include specific expertise on practical experience in implementing the Protocol and on biosafety issues, taking into account geographical representation and diverging views, and rename it “Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”;

8. *Requests* the Liaison Group to contribute to the development of the relevant elements of the biosafety component in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in consultation with the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group,¹ and to the specific follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 that is anchored in and complementary to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To facilitate and support the inclusion of the biosafety component in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(b) To work with the co-chairs of the Liaison Group and of the Open-ended Working Group to develop clear complementary timelines with regard to the contribution of the Parties to the Protocol, on the relevant elements on biosafety for the post 2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) To convene dedicated sessions to discuss biosafety matters during global and regional consultation workshop(s) referred to in decision 14/34;

(d) To facilitate the participation of an adequate number of biosafety experts, including those with expertise on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, in the development of the relevant elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including in the relevant consultation workshop(s);

(e) To compile submissions by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations that provide views on (i) the structure and content of the follow up to the current Strategic Plan of the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020, i.e. the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol post-2020, and (ii) the relevant elements of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(f) To convene online discussions of the Liaison Group, as appropriate, to consider the submissions referred to in paragraph 9(e)(ii) above to provide input to the development of the relevant elements of the biosafety component in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(g) To prepare a draft of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 on the basis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 9(e)(i) above;

(h) To convene open-ended online discussions of Parties and other stakeholders on the draft of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 referred to in paragraph 9(g) above;

(i) To convene a face-to-face meeting of the Liaison Group, to be held in 2019, to (i) prepare a draft of the biosafety component in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework with regard to issues related to the Cartagena Protocol, and (ii) review the draft of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 referred to in paragraph 9(g) above;

(j) To conduct a peer-review by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol of the draft of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020;

(k) To submit the final draft of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting;

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting to review a draft of the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 and to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its tenth meeting.

¹ Decision 14/34, annex.

*Annex***TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE LIAISON GROUP ON THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL
ON BIOSAFETY**

1. The Liaison Group shall provide the Executive Secretary with expert advice on: (a) ways and means to enhance the coordination and effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; and (b) overall strategic approaches as well as conceptual and practical operational measures for enhancing coordination of activities under the Protocol, including capacity-building initiatives, among other things.
 2. Members of the Liaison Group shall be selected on the basis of their demonstrated expertise and experience with regard to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, taking into account geographical representation, gender balance, and a fair representation of relevant stakeholders.
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