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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Eleventh meeting
Montreal, 28-30 May 2014
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held its tenth meeting from 29 to 31 May 2013 in Montreal. At that meeting, the Committee reviewed, among other things, the state of compliance of Parties on the basis of information received through the second national reports and in line with the priority issues identified by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 6).
2. The Committee reviewed the information submitted to it by the Secretariat in relation to specific and general issues of compliance and agreed to a number of different set of actions as specified in the report of its tenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/10/5).
3. The Committee also elaborated the timeline¹ regarding how the Committee's contribution may be synchronized with the process of the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and associated activities, with a view to responding to the request of COP-MOP 6 that the Committee evaluate the status of implementation of the Protocol as a contribution to the assessment and review process, as specified in paragraph 6 of decision BS-VI/15.
4. Following the tentative schedule agreed to by the Committee at its tenth meeting and the consultations undertaken by the Secretariat later on, the eleventh meeting of the Committee will be held in Montreal from 28 to 30 May 2014 at the office of the Secretariat. It will be held in open session as agreed by the Committee at its fourth meeting.
5. The provisional agenda for the present meeting has been developed on the basis of the work plan agreed to by the Committee at its tenth meeting, as contained in annex II of the report of the meeting.

* UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/1.

¹ Annex I, Report of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on the work of its tenth meeting, UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/10/5.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 May 2014.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

7. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Secretariat in document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/1.

2.2. Organization of work

8. The Committee may wish to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex I below. The language of the meeting will be English.

9. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex II below. The documents will be made available on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCC-11>

10. An information note has also been made available containing details of logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other similar matters.

ITEM 3. STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH RESPECT TO CASES REVIEWED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will report on the activities carried out following the tenth meeting of the Committee and their outcomes, as regards the compliance of Parties with their obligation to (i) submit second national reports; (ii) put in place appropriate legal and administrative biosafety frameworks; and (iii) make available information to the Biosafety Clearing-House. The report will be made available as document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/2.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF CONSISTENCY BETWEEN INFORMATION IN NATIONAL REPORTS AND THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE

12. According to the work plan agreed upon by the Committee at its eighth meeting and also specified in the annex to the report of its tenth meeting, the Committee is expected to review consistency between information in national reports and the Biosafety Clearing-House. In this regard, the Secretariat will provide information on the outcomes of the exercise it has undertaken where it identified some key areas and cross-checked information that has been provided by Parties in those areas through their second national reports on the one hand and the Biosafety Clearing-House on the other. Where a question of consistency was raised between the two sets of information, the Secretariat communicated with the concerned Parties, some of which responded or took the required measures.

13. Accordingly, information on the outcomes of this exercise by the Secretariat, including the synthesis of the responses from some of the concerned Parties, will be made available as document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/3 to facilitate discussion and appropriate action by the Committee under this item.

ITEM 5. CONTRIBUTION TO THE THIRD ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL, AND THE PREPARATION OF THE THIRD NATIONAL REPORTING FORMAT

14. In paragraph 5 of its decision BS-VI/15, COP-MOP 6 decided that in the preparation of the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol in the context of Article 35 of the Protocol, the experiences of Parties in complying with the Protocol, including submission of national reports, shall be taken into account, along with the input of, *inter alia*, the Compliance Committee. In paragraph 6 of the same decision, the COP-MOP requested the Committee to evaluate the status of implementation of the Protocol as a contribution to the third evaluation of effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the Protocol.

15. Also, in paragraph 9 of decision BS-VI/14, the COP-MOP had requested the Executive Secretary to take into account the recommendations of the Compliance Committee in updating the reporting format for the third national report.

16. As indicated in paragraph 3 above, the Committee developed a flow chart, contained in annex I of the report of its tenth meeting, elaborating how its contribution, as requested by COP-MOP, could be synchronized with the timelines of the third assessment and review process and the preparation of the reporting format for third national reports.

17. Accordingly, the Secretariat will make available two documents (final version or advance draft of documents, as appropriate, prepared for COP-MOP 7, on (i) methodology to review effectiveness, developed by a consultant commissioned by the Secretariat (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/13); and (ii) draft third national reporting format (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/12).

ITEM 6. REVIEW OF GENERAL ISSUES OF COMPLIANCE

18. This is a standing item in the agenda of the meetings of the Committee. At its tenth meeting, the Committee had reviewed general issues of compliance as identified from the review of information received through the second national reports.

19. The Committee may wish to agree to consider and review any new general issues of compliance at a future meeting on the basis of information from the third national reports, which are due in September 2015.

ITEM 7. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

20. The Compliance Committee is expected to prepare its report, including recommendations for submission to the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Under this item, the Committee is invited to consider its report, including the recommendations that it wishes to submit to the seventh meeting of the COP-MOP for its consideration and appropriate action.

21. According to practice, the Committee submits a consolidated report on the work of its meetings held since the previous meeting of the Parties, including recommendations contained in an annex to the report, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

22. Under this item, members of the Compliance Committee may wish to raise and discuss any other matters relevant to the functions of the Committee.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The Committee will consider and adopt its report.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

24. It is expected that the eleventh meeting of the Compliance Committee will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 30 May 2014.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
28 May 2014 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Adoption of the agenda; 2.2. Organization of work
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	3. Status of compliance with respect to cases reviewed at the previous meeting
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	4. Review of consistency between information in national reports and the Biosafety Clearing-House
29 May 2014 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	5. Contribution to the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, and the preparation of the third national reporting format
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Continuation of agenda item 5 6. Review of general issues of compliance
30 May 2014 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	7. Report and recommendation of the Committee to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol
2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	8. Other matters 9. Adoption of the report 10. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE
COMMITTEE UNDER THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/2	Status of compliance with respect to cases reviewed at the previous meeting
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/3	Consistency between information in national reports and the Biosafety Clearing-House
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/13	Methodology to review effectiveness
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/12	Monitoring and reporting: Draft third national reporting format
