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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Twelfth meeting

Montreal, 13-15 May 2015

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7) was held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 29 September to 3 October 2014. The Parties considered, among other things, the report and recommendation of the Compliance Committee, submitted on the Committee's behalf by Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco, the Chair of the Committee (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/2). The report, which contained a recommendation in its annex, had been adopted by the Committee at its eleventh meeting, held in Montreal, from 28 to 30 May 2014.

2. The recommendation of the Committee comprised 14 specific items clustered under broader items: compliance; monitoring and reporting; financial mechanism and resources; and unintentional transboundary movements. At the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Parties considered most of the elements of the recommendations under its relevant agenda items and adopted decisions.

3. The Secretariat has reviewed the outcomes of seventh meeting as regards matters related to compliance and the Compliance Committee. The review is made available for the present meeting.

4. Following consultations with members of the Committee, it was agreed that the twelfth meeting of the Committee would be held in Montreal, Canada, from 13 to 15 May 2015.

5. In the preparation of the provisional agenda for the meeting, account has been taken of: (a) the cyclical organization of work agreed by the Committee at its eighth meeting; (b) the relevant outcomes and decisions emanating from the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the work plan proposed accordingly for the current intersessional period; and (c) any other relevant actions taken by the Committee at its previous meetings for which follow-up was needed.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 May 2015.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

7. According to rule 12 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Committee (decision BS-II/1), the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for a term of two years with a possibility of re-election for one further two-year term. As Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco and Mr. Ruben Dekker have completed one term (2013-2014) as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, the Committee will be invited to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair who can serve for the next two-year term.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

8. 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/12/1.

2.3. Organization of work

9. 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.

10. 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-2015-01>.

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

ITEM 3. ASSESSMENT OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY REGARDING ITEMS RELEVANT TO COMPLIANCE

12. As indicated above, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties at its seventh meeting considered the recommendations submitted to it by the Committee and adopted decisions on the basis of most of these recommendations.

13. Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to reflect on the decisions adopted at the seventh meeting of the Parties and agree on the appropriate follow-up actions. In order to facilitate the deliberations of the Committee in this regard, the Secretariat will issue a document which reviews the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Parties relating to compliance (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/2), and proposes a programme of work for the Committee for the current biennium.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION IN THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE

14. According to the generic work plan agreed at its eighth meeting, the Committee is expected to review the compliance of Parties based on information available in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). Presumably, this review is intended to also consider information that each Party was required to make available through the BCH, but has not. Essentially, therefore, this item is about reviewing compliance in making information available to the BCH in line with the requirements of the Protocol.

15. The Secretariat reviews information available in the BCH from time to time in order to evaluate whether it is complete and up-to-date. An update (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/3) will be submitted to the

Committee on some major gaps identified in the latest review of the BCH concerning compliance by some Parties in fulfilling their obligation to make information available to the BCH. The information compiled by the Secretariat and made available to the Compliance Committee at its eleventh meeting with a view to facilitating its review of consistency between information in national reports and the BCH, will also have some continued relevance to deliberations under this item.¹

ITEM 5. PROVIDING INPUT TO THE THIRD ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2020

16. In paragraph 7 of decision BS-VII/3, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties requested the Compliance Committee to provide input into the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan in the form of an evaluation of the status of implementation of the Protocol in meeting its objectives. This is a continuation of a process that started a few years back. It is recalled that the Committee had, on the basis of the online exchanges it had immediately after its last meeting, shared its views to Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties at its seventh meeting on the proposed methodology for the third assessment and review.

17. The Committee's input is expected to be submitted to the newly established Subsidiary Body on Implementation for its review at its first meeting (scheduled for May 2016), together with the contribution from the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building.

18. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider the nature and scope of its possible input as well as the timelines in finalizing and submitting the input to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. In order to facilitate this consideration, the Secretariat will submit a short document highlighting the plan envisaged in order to finalize the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and conducting the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/4).

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

19. 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 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

20. The Committee will consider and adopt its report.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

21. The eleventh meeting of the Compliance Committee is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 15 May 2015.

¹ See UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/3, available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bccc-11/official/bccc-11-03-en.pdf>.

Annex I

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

Date and time	Agenda item
13 May 2015	
9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Opening of the meeting2. Organizational matters:<ol style="list-style-type: none">2.1. Election of officers2.2. Adoption of the agenda2.3. Organization of work
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	3. Assessment of the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regarding items relevant to compliance
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Continuation of agenda item 3
14 May 2015	
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	4. Review of compliance on the basis of information in the Biosafety Clearing-House
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Continuation of agenda item 4
	5. Providing input to the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020
15 May 2015	
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Continuation of agenda item 5
	6. Other matters
2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Adoption of the report8. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

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

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/2	Assessment of the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regarding items relevant to compliance
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/3	Compliance in making information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House
UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/4	Input to the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/16	Report of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/mop-07/official/mop-07-16-en.pdf
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/13	Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 35): Process and methodology
