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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

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) is required, under Article 35, to undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol, including an assessment of its procedures and annexes, at least every five years. In accordance with this requirement, the process of review and assessment was initiated by COP-MOP at its third meeting, and the first assessment and review was considered by COP-MOP, at its fourth meeting, the second at its sixth meeting in 2012, and the third one is planned to be undertaken at its eighth meeting in 2016, together with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol 2011-2020.

2. In its decision BS-VII/3, COP-MOP requested the Executive Secretary to collect, compile and analyse information on the implementation of the Protocol using the third national reports as a primary source, with a view to contributing to the third assessment and review of the Protocol in conjunction with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan, and requested the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to review the information gathered and analysed by the Executive Secretary, including contributions from the Liaison Group on Capacity-building, and to submit its findings and recommendations to COP-MOP at its eighth meeting. In paragraph 7 of decision BS-VII/3, COP-MOP requested the Compliance Committee to also 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.

3. This document aims at highlighting some elements on how the Compliance Committee may proceed in providing its input into the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan in response to the request by COP-MOP. Accordingly, section II of the present document describes the steps expected to be taken in conducting the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and mid-term review of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol, 2011-2020. Section III contains some suggestions on the types of input that the Committee could possibly provide to the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan, for consideration by the Committee.

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II. THE STEPS EXPECTED IN THE THIRD ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

A. Background

4. In decision BS-VI/15, Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided that the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol should focus primarily on the effectiveness of its institutional processes, annexes, procedures and mechanisms. As noted in document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/13,¹ addressing the effectiveness of the Protocol's institutional processes, annexes, procedures and mechanisms is potentially an extensive exercise encompassing many, if not all, of the provisions of the Protocol and the various processes and activities that have been initiated by the COP-MOP to promote and facilitate the implementation of the Protocol. It was also noted that COP-MOP has already set out key objectives and a framework for assessing progress in relation to many of the institutional processes, annexes, procedures and mechanisms for the period 2011 to 2020 in the form of a Strategic Plan adopted by COP-MOP in decision BS-V/16. For each of the strategic objectives identified in the Plan, a number of expected impacts are defined and operational objectives, outcomes and indicators are provided.

5. COP-MOP decided, at its seventh meeting, that the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol be combined with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 (decision BS-VII/3, para. 1). The mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan has been scheduled to be undertaken at the eighth meeting of COP-MOP in 2016. The COP-MOP further decided, in paragraph 1(b) of decision BS-VII/3 that the combined evaluation process should draw upon available information from the third national reports, the Biosafety Clearing-House and where appropriate, additional data collected through dedicated surveys.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the newly established Subsidiary Body on Implementation² has been requested to review, at its first meeting,³ the information gathered and analysed by the Executive Secretary with a view to contributing to the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan; undertake the third assessment and review using the core set of identified information needs in the annex to decision BS-VII/3 as may be adjusted by the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety; and to take into account the views of representatives of indigenous and local communities by ensuring their participation in the review process.

7. It is therefore important to note that this process involves the use of information, primarily, from the third national reports, which are due in the last quarter of 2015; and contributions and participation by and from different groups in a coordinated and synchronized manner, in order to make available all the contributions and findings to COP-MOP, at its eighth meeting, which is scheduled to take place from 4 to 17 December 2016, concurrently with the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. In that context, the consideration of the following steps and activities may facilitate the determination of the appropriate role and the timely contribution of the Compliance Committee to the process.

B. Data gathering and analysis

8. Parties to the Protocol are urged and other Governments are invited to contribute effectively to the data collection process by completing and submitting their national report in a timely manner and by

¹ UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/13 proposes a methodology for the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and was considered by COP-MOP at its seventh meeting.

² In its decision BS-VII/9 B, COP-MOP agreed that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will also serve the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The terms of reference of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation are provided in the annex to decision XII/26 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

³ The first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is scheduled to be held from 2 to 5 May 2016.

providing adequate and complete information in their report (decision BS-VII/3, para. 3). Parties are requested to use the reporting format considered by COP-MOP, at its seventh meeting, which contains questions that were intended to facilitate the conduct of the third assessment and review and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

9. As has been the practice and as requested by COP-MOP at its seventh meeting,⁴ the Executive Secretary will synthesize/analyse the information received through the third national reports and make the analysis available to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. Given the dates of the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which is to be held from 2 to 5 May 2016, and the contributions expected from the Liaison Group on Capacity-building, the analysis of information from the national reports needs to be made available by the end of January 2016 at the earliest and mid-February 2016 at the latest. In this regard, it is recalled that the Compliance Committee had emphasized the need for all national reports to be received in a timely manner so as to allow sufficient time for the analysis of the information contained therein, which is essential for assessing compliance, conducting the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan and completing the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol.⁵

10. As noted above, third national reports to be submitted by each Party regarding the implementation of its obligations under the Protocol will be used as the primary source of information to consider the state of implementation in the context of the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Protocol, 2011-2020. The analysis of information from third national reports is expected to build on the baseline of the state of implementation that was established in the context of the second assessment and review completed earlier by COP-MOP at its sixth meeting. The elements and core set of identified information needs or corresponding indicators provided in the annex to decision BS-VII/3 (see annex II to the present document), as well as the indicators in the Strategic Plan, 2011-2020, will be taken into account in conducting the third assessment and review and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

C. Tasks and timelines

11. In accordance with paragraph 5 of decision BS-VII/14, Parties need to submit their third national report on the implementation of the Protocol twelve months prior to the eighth meeting of COP-MOP. Thus, third national reports have to be submitted by 4 December 2015 at the latest. However, given the limited time available to analyse the information from the third national reports and to make it available to the respective bodies and processes, the Secretariat has notified Parties that they must submit their national reports by 31 October 2015.

12. The Liaison Group on Capacity-building is expected to be convened in February 2016. As noted above, the Group has been entrusted with the task of contributing to the combined assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan. It is also expected to carry out a comprehensive review of the Capacity-building Framework and Action Plan⁶ and the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms,⁷ to be considered by COP-MOP at its eighth meeting, in conjunction with the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol. The contribution by the Liaison Group will be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for its consideration at its first meeting.

⁴ Decision BS-VII/3, para. 2.

⁵ Report of the Compliance Committee on the work of its eleventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/4) para. 33(a), available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bssc-11/official/bssc-11-04-en.pdf>.

⁶ Decision BS-VI/3, annex I, para. 40.

⁷ Decision BS-V/13, annex.

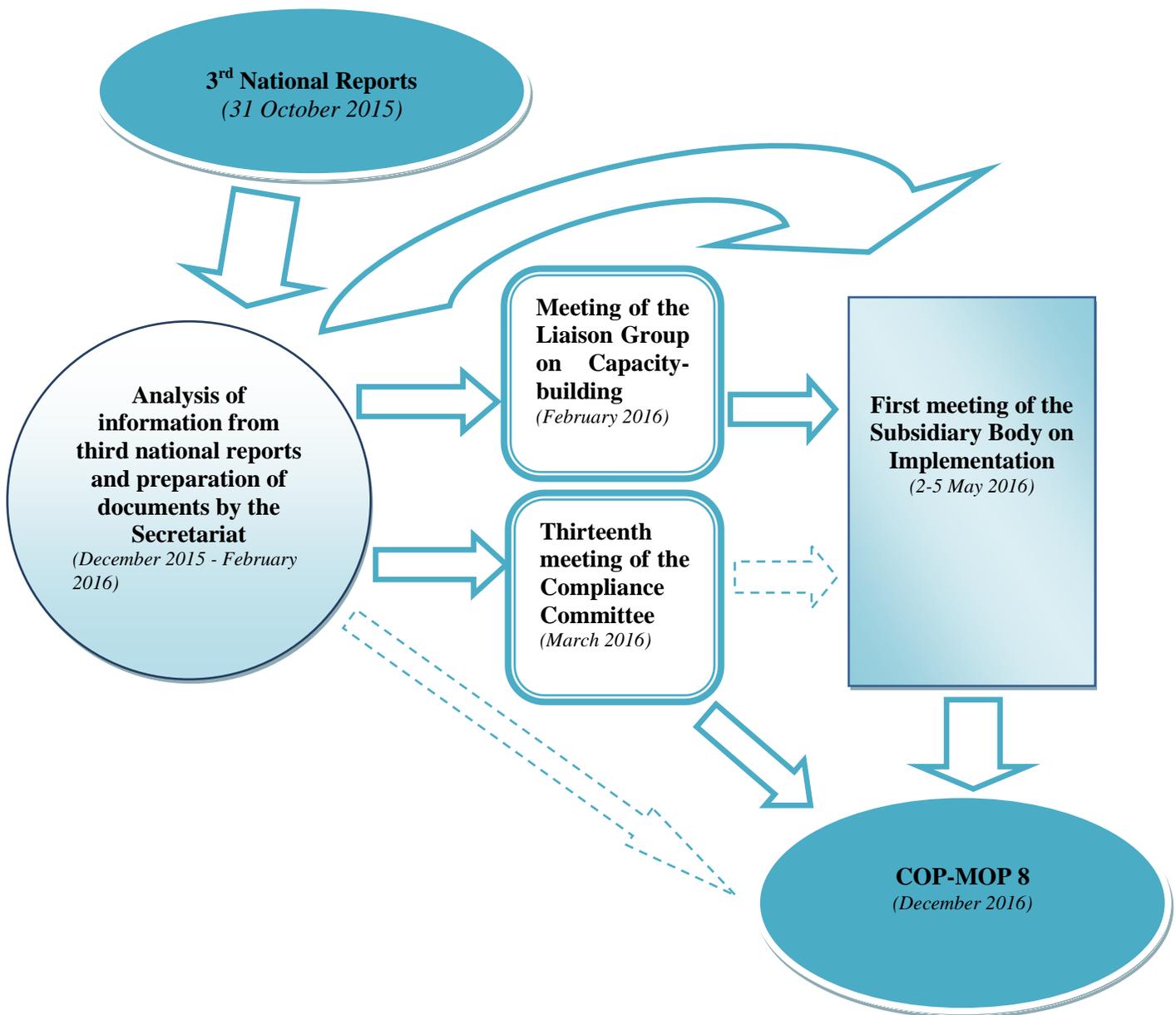
13. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will hold its first meeting from 2 to 5 May 2016. In that regard, the contribution from the Liaison Group has to be made available well before the end of March 2016. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is entrusted with the task of reviewing the information gathered and analysed by the Executive Secretary, including contributions from the Liaison Group on Capacity-building, and to submit its findings and recommendations to COP-MOP for its consideration at its eighth meeting.

14. While there is no specific requirement for the Compliance Committee's input to the third assessment and review and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting, it is, however, important to ensure consistency between the findings and recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Committee's input. The Compliance Committee could forward its observations to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in addition to any recommendations that it may wish to submit to the COP-MOP. It is, therefore, suggested that the Compliance Committee hold its thirteenth meeting at the beginning of March 2016 in order to allow the inclusion of any such observations in the documentation for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

15. The figure below presents a diagram of the workflow for the combined third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan with a view to helping the Committee to consider and adopt the appropriate steps towards providing its input to the process.

Figure.

The workflow expected for the combined third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan



III. INPUT FROM THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

16. The Compliance Committee had noted, during the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, the potential overlap between its standing function of reviewing general issues of compliance and the process of assessment and review. In considering its possible role in the next assessment and review process, the Committee recommended that COP-MOP at its sixth meeting request the Committee to evaluate the status of implementation of the Protocol as a contribution to the third evaluation of the effectiveness in meeting the objective of the Protocol in accordance with Article 35 of the Protocol.⁸ Accordingly, in its decision BS-VI/15, COP-MOP requested the Committee to provide input

⁸ UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/2, annex, paras. 16 and 17.

during the process of preparing for the third assessment and review of the Protocol and to evaluate the status of implementation of the Protocol as a contribution to the process and evaluation of effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the Protocol, in accordance with Article 35 of the Protocol.

17. In response to the request by COP-MOP at its sixth meeting, the Committee reviewed the methodology developed for the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol through an online discussion that was organized immediately after its last meeting, and provided its views. At its seventh meeting, COP-MOP reiterated its request for the Compliance Committee to provide inputs as specified in paragraph 7 of decision BS-VII/3.

18. During the online discussion referred to above, there was a general agreement among members that combining the third assessment and review of the Protocol with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan was beneficial in terms of ensuring efficiency, on the one hand, and coherence in the outcomes of the review, on the other. Some members cautioned, however, about a possible overlap in the roles of the Committee and any other body participating in the review or evaluation process, and suggested that there was a need to avoid multiple processes carrying out the same evaluation. How, then, could the contribution from the Committee differ from that of the Liaison Group?

19. The methodology proposed and considered by COP-MOP at its seventh meeting, on the assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/13), recognized that there could be some relevant aspects of the Protocol's institutional processes, annexes, procedures and mechanisms not addressed in the various elements of the Strategic Plan. In that regard, it was noted that some of those aspects could be addressed through the review of the status of implementation of the Protocol to be conducted by the Compliance Committee.

20. The Committee may therefore wish to concentrate on some of the aspects of the status of implementation of the Protocol, which will remain outside the coverage of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the indicators thereof but are still within the general scope of assessment and review exercise in the context of Article 35 of the Protocol, and the core functions of the Committee, in particular its responsibility to review general issues of compliance. The review of these aspects by the Committee will be based, primarily, on the information that may be received through the third national reports. At its eleventh meeting, the Committee had agreed to consider and review any new general issues of compliance at a future meeting on the basis of information from the third national reports.⁹

21. In reviewing the status of implementation of the Protocol as described above, the Committee may also wish to take into account the experience it has gained over the years, in particular the last few years in implementing the expanded supportive role it was given under decision BS-V/1. It is recalled that the Committee had identified and followed up with a number of individual Parties where there were gaps in the fulfilment of some of their obligations under the Protocol based on the information they provided in their second national report or the Biosafety Clearing-House. The follow-up by the Chair of the Committee or the Secretariat, as authorized by the Committee, allowed some of the concerned Parties to communicate the specific challenges that they were faced with in their efforts to implement their obligations under the Protocol – especially with respect to the obligation to submit a national report, establishing appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol, or the obligation to make available to the Biosafety Clearing-House up to date and complete information on biosafety regulatory measures undertaken at the national level.

22. The Committee's experience and record of its findings with respect to, for example, reviewing the completeness and accuracy of information provided through the Biosafety Clearing-House, could be an input to the assessment of the extent to which information in the Biosafety Clearing-House has been reliable and up-to-date as required in Element 15 (c) of the core set of identified information needs for the third assessment and review, contained in the annex to decision BS-VII/3. Generally, information from

⁹ Report of the eleventh meeting of the Compliance Committee (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/4), para. 35.

previous as well as ongoing reviews related to compliance could be taken as input to the reviewing of the status of implementation of the Protocol and its effectiveness in meeting its objective, which, in turn, could constitute the Committee's input to the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, which is planned to be conducted in combination with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan. As mentioned by some members of the Committee during the online discussion, additional case studies and consultations with stakeholders and regional groups could also be undertaken, as necessary, as part of developing input to the process, provided there are resources, including sufficient time.

23. The evaluation of progress towards achieving the specific operational objectives of the Strategic Plan on the basis of the indicators provided is expected to be undertaken mainly by the Liaison Group on Capacity-building. The Committee may wish, however, to consider carrying out the evaluation of progress with respect to operational objective 3.1 of the Strategic Plan (see annex I to the present document), as this operational objective and the indicators provided relate to strengthening the mechanisms for achieving compliance. The indicators of progress towards the achievement of this operational objective include: (a) the number of Parties that have identified and addressed their non-compliance issues; (b) the number of Parties that have functional legal, administrative and other measures in place to implement the Protocol; (c) the percentage of Parties that have designated all national focal points; (d) the percentage of Parties that have published all mandatory information through the BCH; (e) the reporting rate achieved; and (f) the number of Parties that were able to access financial resources to fulfil their obligations under the Protocol.

Annex I

**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY FOR THE PERIOD
2011-2020**

(Decision BS-V/16, annex I)

FOCAL AREA 3: COMPLIANCE AND REVIEW				
Strategic Objective	Expected Impacts	Operational Objectives	Outcomes	Indicators
To achieve compliance with and effectiveness of the Protocol	Parties are in compliance with the requirements of the Protocol	<p><i>3.1 Compliance with the Protocol</i></p> <p>To strengthen the mechanisms for achieving compliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Party fully implements its obligations and regularly monitors the implementation of its obligations under the Protocol • Improved reporting by Parties including by submitting complete and timely national reports • All Parties able to enforce their regulatory frameworks and decisions • Sufficient financial resources are allocated to compliance • The Compliance Committee is able to thoroughly review the implementation of obligations by Parties and to propose appropriate measures • Supportive role of the Compliance Committee is improved 	<p>3.1.1 Number of Parties that have identified and addressed their non-compliance issues</p> <p>3.1.2 Number of Parties having approved and functional national legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol</p> <p>3.1.3 Percentage of Parties that designated all National Focal Points</p> <p>3.1.4 Number of Parties having in place a system for handling requests including for Advance Informed Agreement</p> <p>3.1.5 Percentage of Parties that published all mandatory information via the BCH</p> <p>3.1.6 Number of Parties having in place a monitoring and enforcement system</p> <p>3.1.7 Number of national reports received under each reporting cycle</p> <p>3.1.8 Number of Parties able to access financial resources to fulfill their obligations under the Protocol</p>

Annex II

**POSSIBLE ELEMENTS AND CORRESPONDING CORE SET OF IDENTIFIED
INFORMATION NEEDS FOR THE THIRD ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIDTERM EVALUATION
OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN**
(Decision BS-VII/3, annex)

A. Coverage

Element 1. Geographic coverage of the Protocol and Protocol's coverage of transboundary movements of LMOs:

- (a) Number of Parties to the Protocol;
- (b) Number of Parties that have designated national focal points;
- (c) Number of Parties submitting timely national reports on their implementation of the Protocol;
- (d) Number of Parties importing LMOs from non-Parties;
- (e) Number of Parties exporting LMOs to non-Parties;
- (f) Number of Parties that are developing LMOs in public and research centres.

B. Domestic implementation of core procedures and annexes

Element 2. AIA procedures (or domestic regulatory frameworks consistent with the Protocol), in accordance with the Protocol, are established for the transboundary movement of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment:

- (a) Number of Parties that have put in place laws and regulations and/or administrative measures for operation of the AIA procedure;
- (b) Number of Parties that have adopted a domestic regulatory framework consistent with the Protocol as regards the transboundary movement of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment;
- (c) Number of Parties that have designated competent national authorities;
- (d) Number of Parties importing or exporting LMOs that do not have relevant laws and regulations in place governing transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment;
- (e) Regional trends in adopting AIA procedures or domestic regulatory frameworks consistent with the Protocol.

Element 3. AIA procedures (or domestic regulatory framework consistent with the Protocol) for the transboundary movement of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment are operational and functioning:

- (a) Number of Parties with domestic institutional and administrative (decision-making) arrangements in place to deal with AIA applications;
- (b) Number of Parties with a budgetary allocation for the operation of their national biosafety framework;
- (c) Number of Parties with permanent staff in place to administer their national biosafety frameworks (including AIA applications);
- (d) Number of Parties that have processed AIA applications and reached decisions on import;
- (e) Regional trends in operation and functioning of AIA procedures.

Element 4. Procedures for decision-making in relation to transboundary movements of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (LMO-FFPs) are established and operational:

- (a) Number of Parties that have taken final decisions regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMO-FFPs that may be subject to transboundary movement;
- (b) Number of Parties with a decision-making procedure specific to the import of LMO FFPs.

Element 5. Risk assessment procedures for LMOs are established and operational:

- (a) Number of Parties with risk assessment guidance in place for LMOs;
- (b) Number of Parties that have conducted risk assessments as part of a decision-making process regarding an LMO;
- (c) Number of Parties with an advisory committee or other arrangements in place for conducting or reviewing risk assessment;
- (d) Number of decisions in the Biosafety Clearing-House accompanied by a summary of the risk assessment of the LMO;
- (e) Number of Parties with the necessary domestic capacity to conduct risk assessment;
- (f) Number of Parties reporting having used Annex III of the Protocol or any other guidance on risk assessment agreed to by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;
- (g) Regional trends in relation to risk assessment capacity.

Element 6. Procedures for the establishment of appropriate LMO risk management measures and monitoring are established and operational:

- (a) Number of Parties that have authorized introductions of LMOs into the environment and that have requirements and/or procedures in place and enforced to regulate, manage and control risks identified in risk assessments;
- (b) Number of Parties with capacity to detect and identify the presence of LMOs;
- (c) Regional trends in relation to risk management capacity.

Element 7. Procedures for identifying and addressing illegal transboundary movements of LMOs are in place and operational:

- (a) Number of Parties with domestic measures to prevent and penalize illegal transboundary movements, including through the regulation of transit and contained use;
- (b) Number of Parties reporting having received information concerning cases of illegal transboundary movements of an LMO to or from territories under its jurisdiction;
- (c) Number of Parties with capacity to detect illegal transboundary movements of LMOs (e.g. personnel, technical capacity).

Element 8. Procedures for preventing, identifying and addressing unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs are established and operational, including notification procedures and emergency measures:

- (a) Number of Parties having notified to the Biosafety Clearing-House their contact points regarding unintentional transboundary movement of LMOs in accordance with Article 17;
- (b) Number of Parties with a mechanism in place for notifying potentially affected States of actual or potential unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs;
- (c) Number of instances of unintentional transboundary movements identified;

(d) Number of Parties with a mechanism to identify and determine significant adverse effects on biological diversity of any unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs.

Element 9. Appropriate requirements are established and implemented in relation to the Protocol's requirements on the handling, transport, packaging and identification of LMOs:

Number of Parties with requirements for handling, transport, packaging and identification of LMOs in place consistent with Article 18 of the Protocol and relevant subsequent decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for:

- (i) Contained use;
- (ii) Intentional introduction into the environment;
- (iii) LMO-FFPs.

Element 10. Procedures for notification of required information to the Biosafety Clearing-House are established and operational:

(a) Number of Parties that have allocated responsibilities for notification of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(b) Number of Parties that have in place systems for the management of biosafety information necessary for the implementation of the Protocol.

Element 11. Programme of work on public awareness, education and participation being implemented:

(a) Number of Parties implementing public-awareness programmes or activities;

(b) Number of Parties providing for some level of public participation in decision-making processes on LMOs.

C. International level procedures and mechanisms

Element 12. Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol serves its purpose as a governing body:

(a) Number of decisions taken by the COP-MOP which facilitate the implementation of obligations under the Protocol by elaborating specific measures;

(b) Contribution of ad hoc technical expert groups to policy development and implementation (number of guidelines and other instruments adopted by the COP-MOP on the basis of contribution by expert groups);

(c) Number of relevant international organizations that have contributed services and information to the Protocol process.

Element 13. Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-building being effectively implemented:

(a) Amount of funding provided or received for supporting biosafety capacity-building activities and the impacts resulting from such funding;

(b) Number of Parties seeking assistance to be able to use experts from the roster of experts and number of Parties actually receiving such assistance;

(c) Number of Parties reporting using local expertise to undertake or review risk assessments and other activities relating to the implementation of the Protocol.

Element 14. Compliance Committee is functioning:

(a) Parties raise issues with the Compliance Committee concerning their own compliance with Protocol obligations;

(b) Compliance Committee has decision-making rules of procedure in place.

Element 15. The Biosafety Clearing-House is operational and accessible:

(a) Number of Parties and other users accessing the Biosafety Clearing-House on a regular basis, i.e. at least once a month;

(b) Number of Parties reporting difficulties accessing or using the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(c) Extent to which information on the Biosafety Clearing-House is reliable and up to date.

D. Impacts of transboundary movements of LMOs on biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health

Element 16. Consideration should be given to the work on Aichi Biodiversity Targets in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity:

Number of Parties that have integrated biosafety into their national biodiversity strategy and action plans.
