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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Review of experience in holding concurrently the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to decision 14/32, I am pleased to invite Parties to provide their experience/perspectives on holding concurrently the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, using the questionnaire attached to this notification.

A preliminary assessment of the experience in holding the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its Protocols concurrently was made available to the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation as document [CBD/SBI/2/16/ADD1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/2a4e/4a1b/9aa23008d4af76c6e2cf4de8/sbi-02-16-add1-en.pdf). This preliminary assessment will be updated, based on the views received, and made available to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for its consideration and recommendation to the next meeting of Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

Completed questionnaires should be sent to the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int or by fax to +1-514-288-6588 by **29 March 2019**. This questionnaire is complementary to an online survey being sent to participants of the UN Biodiversity Conference, soliciting their views on this matter.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

 Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD

 Executive Secretary

Attachment

**Questionnaire on the convening of concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.**

Please complete the questionnaire below by indicating to what extent you believe the criteria have been met. Additional space is provided for substantiating comments as well as for general comments related to the convening of concurrent meetings. Please note that some of the criteria may only be relevant to Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and/or to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing. Completed questionnaires should be sent to the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1-514-288-6588 by **29 March 2019**.

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| **Perspectives on the convening of current meetings** |
| *Contact information* |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Country:**  |  |
| **Party** (indicate all that apply) | Convention⃝ | Cartagena Protocol⃝ | Nagoya Protocol⃝ |
| **Organization/department:** |  |
| **Phone Number** (including country code)**:**  |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| *Criteria* |
| (a) Full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (a) Full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (a) Full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the 2nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (b) Effective development of outcomes of the Conference of the Parties; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
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| (b) Effective development of the outcomes of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| b) Effective development of the outcomes of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (c) Increased integration among the Convention and its Protocols;  | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (d) Cost-effectiveness; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (d) Cost-effectiveness with respect to the need to have experts on matters related to the Cartagena Protocol present during the entire two-week period of the concurrent meetings; | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| (e) Improved consultations, coordination and synergies among national focal points for the Convention and the Protocols;  | Criteria fully met⃝ | Criteria partially met⃝ | Criteria not met⃝ |
| *Comments:* |
| *Other comments* |
| Please provide any additional comments related to the convening of concurrent meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol. |  |