



Press Brief Protocol on Biosafety

Monitoring and Reporting

Background

The Protocol requires Parties to monitor implementation of their obligations under the Protocol and to report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) on measures taken to implement the Protocol.

What has been done?

At its first meeting, held in 2004, the COP-MOP requested Parties to submit their national reports on the implementation of the Protocol every four years. Since then one interim report and two regular national reports have been submitted by Parties to the attention of the COP-MOP.

At its sixth meeting, in decision BS-VI/14, the Secretariat was requested to update the reporting format. A revised draft format has therefore been developed by the Secretariat taking into account the comments on the improvement of the reporting format received from Parties during the second national report process, the recommendations of the Compliance Committee and a survey. At the sixth meeting, the Secretariat was requested to undertake and review a dedicated survey to gather information corresponding to indicators in the Strategic Plan for the Protocol that could not be obtained from the second national reports or through other existing mechanisms.



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What news to expect in Pyeongchang?

At the seventh meeting, it is expected that the COP-MOP may consider the information in the third national reporting format to facilitate both the mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol as well as the third assessment and review of the Protocol including:

- Adopt the reporting format and request Parties to use it for the third national report on the implementation of the Protocol
- Request Parties to submit to the Secretariat their third national report on the implementation of the Protocol twelve months prior to COP-MOP 8
- Encourage the Global Environment Facility to make financial resources available to enabling such eligible Parties to prepare their national reports, recognizing the limitations that some Parties might face in fulfilling their national reporting obligation due to lack of financial resources.

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