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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

First extraordinary meeting

Montreal (Online), 16-19 November 2020 and 25‑27 November 2020 (resumed session)

**report of the conference of the parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the cartagena protocol on Biosafety on its first extraordinary meeting**

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I. **DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety AT ITS first EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

CP-EM-1/1. Interim budget for the programme of work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the year 2021

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,*

*Recalling* its decision 9/16, in which it approved the budget for the biennium 2019-2020,

*Considering* that the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol has been postponed until 2021 due to constraints arising from the COVID‑19 pandemic,

*Noting* the need, therefore, to make arrangements to allow the continued functioning of the organs of the Protocol, including its Secretariat and the meetings of its Parties and its subsidiary bodies,

*Taking note* of the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2021 through agreed modalities,

*Taking note* of the note by the Executive Secretary,[[1]](#footnote-2)

*Recognizing* the exceptional nature of the circumstances arising from the pandemic and expressing solidarity among all Parties as they face its human and economic impacts,

1. *Confirms* that the present decision is supplementary to decision 9/16, which remains in effect until the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and whose provisions will apply also for the year 2021, unless otherwise provided for in the present decision;

2. *Decides* to extend, up to 31 December 2021, or, in the case that the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol is not held during 2021, until the end of the month following the closure of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the validity of the funds allocated in the 2019-2020 budget and associated with the costs of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and its subsidiary bodies that are postponed from the biennium 2019-2020; and authorizes the carry-over of these funds, estimated at 570,740 United States dollars, to be spent in 2021 for the purposes listed in table 1 below;

3. *Approves,* on an exceptional basis, an interim core programme budget for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety of 2,515,894 United States dollars for the year 2021, representing 15 per cent of the integrated interim budget of 16,772,626 United States dollars for the year 2021, for the purposes listed in tables 2a and 2b below;

4. *Adopts* the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2021, in accordance with the current scale of assessments of the United Nations, as contained in table 4 below;

5. *Decides* to apply, mutatis mutandis, paragraphs 4 and 5 and paragraphs 7 to 18 of the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its second extraordinary meeting.

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| **Table 1****Integrated budget for the trust funds of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for 2019-2020***(Thousands of United States dollars)* |
| *Object of expenditure* | *Total approved budget* | *Total estimated expenditure(1 January 2019-31 December 2020)* | *Estimated Carry-over* | *Variance* |
| A. Staff costs | 23,080.5 | 20,100.0 |  | 2,980.5 |
| B. Bureau meetings | 365.0 | 200.0 | 165.0 |  |
| C. Travel on official business | 800.0 | 559.6 |  | 240.4 |
| D. Consultants/subcontractors | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |
| E. Public awareness material/communications | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |
| F. Temporary assistance/overtime | 200.0 | 200.0 |  |  |
| G. Training | 10.0 | 10.0 |  |  |
| H. Translation of CHM website/website projects | 130.0 | 130.0 |  |  |
| I. Meetings1 | 3,688.0 | 845.8 | 2,842.2 |  |
| J. Expert meetings | 320.0 | 83.7 | 150.0 | 86.3 |
| K. Extraordinary meetings on post-20202 | 1,310.0 | 1,100.0 | 210.0 |  |
| L. Rent and associated costs | 2,652.9 | 2,652.9 |  |  |
| M. General operating expenses | 1,453.2 | 1,453.2 |  |  |
| **Sub-total (I)** | **34,209.6** | **27,532.2** | **3,367.2** | **3,307.2** |
| **II. Programme support costs (13%)** | 4,447.2 | 3,579.6 | 437.7 | 429.9 |
| **Sub-Total (I + II)** | **38,656.8** | **31,114.8** | **3,804.9** | **3,737.1** |
| **III. Working Capital Reserve** | 187.3 | 187.3 |  |  |
| **Grand-Total (I + II + II)** | **38,844.1** | **31,302.1** | **3,804.9** | **3,737.1** |
| **Cartagena Protocol share (15%)** |  |  | **570.74** |  |

1 Meetings to be funded from carry-over

- Twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

- Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

- Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention / Tenth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol / Fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, held concurrently

- Special virtual sessions for SBSTTA 24 and SBI-3 (September 2020)

- Two-day informal virtual pre-session meeting

- 6-day virtual pre-session meeting for SBSTTA-24

- 6-day virtual pre-session meeting for SBI-3

- And any additional pre-session meetings for SBSTTA and SBI that might be decided

2 One extraordinary meeting on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be funded from the carry-over in line K

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| **Table 2aIntegrated interim budget for the trust funds of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for 2021** |
| *Object of expenditure* | *2021**(Thousands of United States dollars)* |
| A. Staff costs | 11 936.80 |
| B. Bureau meetings | 0.00 |
| C. Travel on official business | 275.00 |
| D. Consultants/subcontractors | 50.00 |
| E. Public awareness material/communications | 50.00 |
| F. Temporary assistance/overtime | 100.00 |
| G. Training | 5.00 |
| H. Translation of CHM website/website projects | 65.00 |
| I. Meetings1 | 271.80 |
| J. Expert meetings | 0.00 |
| K. Extraordinary meetings on post-20202 | 350.00 |
| L. Rent and associated costs | 1 358.20 |
| M. General operating expenses | 726.60 |
| **Sub-total (I)** | **15 188.40** |
| **II. Programme support costs (13%)** | 1 974.49 |
| **Sub-total (I + II)** | **17 162.89** |
| **III. Working Capital Reserve** | **-390.27** |
| **Grand Total (II + III)** | **16 772.63** |
| Cartagena Protocol share of the interim budget (15%) | 2 515.9 |
| Less: Contribution from host country | (230.22) |
| Less: Use of reserves for extraordinary meetings | (59.33) |
| **Net total (amount to be shared by Parties)** | **2 226.35** |
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1 Meetings to be funded from the interim budget for 2021 in complement to the carry-over as per table 1 above

- Twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

- Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

- Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention / Tenth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol / Fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, held concurrently

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2 One extraordinary meeting on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

**Table 2b
Resource requirements by Division from the integrated core budgets for the year 2021***(Thousands of United States dollars)*

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|  | *2021* |
| **I. Programmes:** |  |
|  Office of the Executive Secretary | 2 404.4 |
|  ABS and BS Protocols | 2 283.4 |
|  Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division | 3 316.75 |
|  Implementation Support Division | 4 262.15 |
| **II. Administration Finance and Conference Services** | 2 921.7 |
| **Subtotal** | **15 188.40** |
| Programme support costs | 1 974.49 |
| **III. Working capital reserve** | (390.27) |
| **Total** | **16 772.63** |
| Cartagena Protocol share of the integrated budget (15%) | 2 515.9 |
| Less: contribution from host country | (230.22) |
| Less: Use of reserve for Extraordinary meeting | (59.33) |
| **Net amount to be shared by Parties** | **2 226.35** |

**Table 3**

**Secretariat staffing requirements from the core budgets of the Convention and its Protocols 2021**

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| *Category and level* | *Proposed 2021* |
| **Professional and higher** |  |
| ASG | 1 |
| D-1 | 3 |
| P-5 | 10 |
| P-4 | 12 |
| P-3 | 14 |
| P-2/1 | 9 |
| **Subtotal** | **49** |
| **General Service** | 29 |
| **Total** | **78** |

**Table 4**
**Contributions to the Trust Fund for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for 2021**

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Afghanistan | 0.007  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Albania | 0.008  | 0.011  | 254 |
| Algeria | 0.138  | 0.197  | 4 390 |
| Angola | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Armenia | 0.007  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Austria | 0.677  | 0.967  | 21 536 |
| Azerbaijan | 0.049  | 0.070  | 1 559 |
| Bahamas | 0.018  | 0.026  | 573 |
| Bahrain | 0.050  | 0.071  | 1 591 |
| Bangladesh | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Barbados | 0.007  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Belarus | 0.049  | 0.070  | 1 559 |
| Belgium | 0.821  | 1.173  | 26 117 |
| Belize | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Benin | 0.003  | 0.004  | 95 |
| Bhutan | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 0.016  | 0.023  | 509 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 0.012  | 0.017  | 382 |
| Botswana | 0.014  | 0.020  | 445 |
| Brazil | 2.948  | 4.212  | 93 778 |
| Bulgaria | 0.046  | 0.066  | 1 463 |
| Burkina Faso | 0.003  | 0.004  | 95 |
| Burundi | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Cambodia | 0.006  | 0.009  | 191 |
| Cameroon | 0.013  | 0.019  | 414 |
| Cape Verde | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Central African Republic | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Chad | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| China | 12.005  | 17.153  | 381 886 |
| Colombia | 0.288  | 0.412  | 9 161 |
| Comoros | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Congo | 0.006  | 0.009  | 191 |
| Costa Rica | 0.062  | 0.089  | 1 972 |
| Côte d’Ivoire | 0.013  | 0.019  | 414 |
| Croatia | 0.077  | 0.110  | 2 449 |
| Cuba | 0.080  | 0.114  | 2 545 |
| Cyprus | 0.036  | 0.051  | 1 145 |
| Czechia | 0.311  | 0.444  | 9 893 |
| Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | 0.006  | 0.009  | 191 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Denmark | 0.554  | 0.792  | 17 623 |
| Djibouti | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Dominica | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.053  | 0.076  | 1 686 |
| Ecuador | 0.080  | 0.114  | 2 545 |
| Egypt | 0.186  | 0.266  | 5 917 |
| El Salvador | 0.012  | 0.017  | 382 |
| Eritrea | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Estonia | 0.039  | 0.056  | 1 241 |
| Eswatini | 0.020  | 0.029  | 636 |
| Ethiopia | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| European Union |   | 2.500  | 55 659 |
| Fiji | 0.003  | 0.004  | 95 |
| Finland | 0.421  | 0.602  | 13 392 |
| France | 4.427  | 6.325  | 140 826 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Gabon | 0.015  | 0.021  | 477 |
| Gambia | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Georgia | 0.008  | 0.011  | 254 |
| Germany | 6.090  | 8.702  | 193,727 |
| Ghana | 0.015  | 0.021  | 477 |
| Greece | 0.366  | 0.523  | 11 643 |
| Grenada | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Guatemala | 0.036  | 0.051  | 1 145 |
| Guinea | 0.003  | 0.004  | 95 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Guyana | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Honduras | 0.009  | 0.013  | 286 |
| Hungary | 0.206  | 0.294  | 6 553 |
| India | 0.834  | 1.192  | 26 530 |
| Indonesia | 0.543  | 0.776  | 17 273 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 0.398  | 0.569  | 12 661 |
| Iraq | 0.129  | 0.184  | 4 104 |
| Ireland | 0.371  | 0.530  | 11 802 |
| Italy | 3.307  | 4.725  | 105 198 |
| Jamaica | 0.008  | 0.011  | 254 |
| Japan | 8.564  | 12.236  | 272 426 |
| Jordan | 0.021  | 0.030  | 668 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.178  | 0.254  | 5 662 |
| Kenya | 0.024  | 0.034  | 763 |
| Kiribati | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Kuwait | 0.252  | 0.360  | 8 016 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Lao People’s Democratic Republic | 0.005  | 0.007  | 159 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Latvia | 0.047  | 0.067  | 1 495 |
| Lebanon | 0.047  | 0.067  | 1 495 |
| Lesotho | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Liberia | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Libya | 0.030  | 0.043  | 954 |
| Lithuania | 0.071  | 0.101  | 2 259 |
| Luxembourg | 0.067  | 0.096  | 2 131 |
| Madagascar | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| Malawi | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Malaysia | 0.341  | 0.487  | 10 847 |
| Maldives | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| Mali | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| Malta | 0.017  | 0.024  | 541 |
| Marshall Islands | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Mauritania | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Mauritius | 0.011  | 0.016  | 350 |
| Mexico | 1.292  | 1.846  | 41 099 |
| Mongolia | 0.005  | 0.007  | 159 |
| Montenegro | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| Morocco | 0.055  | 0.079  | 1 750 |
| Mozambique | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| Myanmar | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Namibia | 0.009  | 0.013  | 286 |
| Nauru | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Netherlands | 1.356  | 1.937  | 43 135 |
| New Zealand | 0.291  | 0.416  | 9 257 |
| Nicaragua | 0.005  | 0.007  | 159 |
| Niger | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Nigeria | 0.250  | 0.357  | 7 953 |
| Niue | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| North Macedonia | 0.007  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Norway | 0.754  | 1.077  | 23 985 |
| Oman | 0.115  | 0.164  | 3 658 |
| Pakistan | 0.115  | 0.164  | 3 658 |
| Palau | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Panama | 0.045  | 0.064  | 1 431 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0.010  | 0.014  | 318 |
| Paraguay | 0.016  | 0.023  | 509 |
| Peru | 0.152  | 0.217  | 4 835 |
| Philippines | 0.205  | 0.293  | 6 521 |
| Poland | 0.802  | 1.146  | 25 512 |
| Portugal | 0.350  | 0.500  | 11 134 |
| Qatar | 0.282  | 0.403  | 8 971 |
| Republic of Korea | 2.267  | 3.239  | 72 115 |
| Republic of Moldova | 0.003  | 0.004  | 95 |
| Romania | 0.198  | 0.283  | 6 298 |
| Rwanda | 0.003  | 0.004  | 95 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Saint Lucia | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Samoa | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1.172  | 1.675  | 37 282 |
| Senegal | 0.007  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Serbia | 0.028  | 0.040  | 891 |
| Seychelles | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Slovakia | 0.153  | 0.219  | 4 867 |
| Slovenia | 0.076  | 0.109  | 2 418 |
| Solomon Islands | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Somalia | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| South Africa | 0.272  | 0.389  | 8 652 |
| Spain | 2.146  | 3.066  | 68 266 |
| Sri Lanka | 0.044  | 0.063  | 1 400 |
| State of Palestine | 0.008  | 0.011  | 254 |
| Sudan | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Suriname | 0.005  | 0.007  | 159 |
| Sweden | 0.906  | 1.295  | 28 820 |
| Switzerland | 1.151  | 1.645  | 36 614 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 0.011  | 0.016  | 350 |
| Tajikistan | 0.004  | 0.006  | 127 |
| Thailand | 0.307  | 0.439  | 9 766 |
| Togo | 0.002  | 0.003  | 64 |
| Tonga | 0.001  | 0.001  | 32 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 0.040  | 0.057  | 1 272 |
| Tunisia | 0.025  | 0.036  | 795 |
| Turkey | 1.371  | 1.959  | 43 612 |
| Turkmenistan | 0.033  | 0.047  | 1 050 |
| Uganda | 0.008  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Ukraine | 0.057  | 0.081  | 1 813 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.616  | 0.880  | 19 595 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 4.567  | 6.525  | 145 279 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Uruguay | 0.087  | 0.124  | 2 768 |
| Uzbekistan | 0.032  | 0.046  | 1 018 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions per 1 January 2021** |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 0.728  | 1.040  | 23 158 |
| Viet Nam | 0.077  | 0.110  | 2 449 |
| Yemen | 0.010  | 0.010  | 223 |
| Zambia | 0.009  | 0.013  | 286 |
| Zimbabwe | 0.005  | 0.007  | 159 |
| **Total** | **68.263**  | **100.000**  | **2 226 350** |

# II. ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS

1. The first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol was convened concurrently with the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the first extraordinary meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, following expressions of support from Parties as notified by the Secretariat on 10 September 2020 ([notification-2020-073](https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/notification-2020-073-excop-mops-en.pdf)) for the purpose of considering and adopting an interim budget for the programme of work for 2021.
2. A total of 119 Parties to the Protocol were registered for the meeting. The Parties represented were:

Albania

Algeria

Antigua and Barbuda

Austria

Bahamas

Bahrain

Bangladesh

Belarus

Belgium

Benin

Bhutan

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Botswana

Brazil

Bulgaria

Burkina Faso

Burundi

Cambodia

Cameroon

Central African Republic

Chad

China

Colombia

Comoros

Congo

Costa Rica

Cote D'ivoire

Croatia

Cuba

Czechia

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Denmark

Djibouti

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Egypt

Estonia

Eswatini

Ethiopia

European Union

Finland

France

Gambia

Georgia

Germany

Ghana

Greece

Grenada

Guatemala

Guinea-Bissau

Guyana

Honduras

Hungary

India

Indonesia

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

Latvia

Lebanon

Luxembourg

Madagascar

Malawi

Malaysia

Maldives

Mali

Malta

Mexico

Morocco

Mozambique

Namibia

Netherlands

New Zealand

Nicaragua

Niger

Nigeria

Norway

Oman

Pakistan

Palau

Panama

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Poland

Portugal

Republic of Korea

Republic of Moldova

Romania

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saudi Arabia

Senegal

Serbia

Seychelles

Slovakia

Slovenia

South Africa

Spain

Sri Lanka

Sudan

Suriname

Sweden

Switzerland

Syrian Arab Republic

Togo

Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago

Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

Uganda

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Zambia

Zimbabwe

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# Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The extraordinary meeting was opened on Monday, 16 November 2020, at 7 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon) by means of a communication from the President of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, Ms. Yasmine Fouad.
2. In her communication, the President expressed her satisfaction at officially opening, through the opening communication, the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol concurrently with the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
3. Expressing her solidarity with Parties and all representatives to those extraordinary meetings that were taking place at such extraordinarily challenging times, in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, she set out the organizational matters and circulated a note explaining the silence procedure. The President circulated for adoption a draft decision containing a proposed interim budget for the year 2021 as contained in document CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2.

# ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

*Officers*

1. Consistent with rule 21, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the current President and Vice-Presidents served as the Bureau of the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

*Adoption of the agenda*

1. The provisional agenda (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/1), which had been prepared and notified to Parties and observers earlier by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with rules 8 and 13 of the rules of procedure, was adopted in accordance with the explanation provided in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the annotated provisional agenda (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/1/Add.1).

*Organization of work*

1. The extraordinary meeting was held remotely through a written silence procedure as described in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the annotated provisional agenda and further supplemented by the communication of the President (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.5) for the purpose of the resumed session. A brief further explanation of the procedure was annexed to the opening communication (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.3) by the President.
2. On 19 November 2020, the extraordinary meeting was suspended by the President. A resumed session was held from Wednesday, 25 November 2020, at 7 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon), for a silence period of 48 hours, and scheduled to be closed on Friday, 27 November 2020, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 1 p.m.), one hour after the expiry of the silence period.

# ITEM 3. REPORT ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

1. It was reported that 119 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol were registered for the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau reported that, the representatives of 85 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol had submitted by 26 November 2020 credentials that fulfilled the requirements of rule 18 of the rules of procedure. In her communication to representatives on 19 November 2020 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.4), the President announced that the nominations of representatives of Parties and credentials received for the purpose of the extraordinary meetings would be maintained for the resumed session, unless withdrawn or changed by the Parties concerned.
2. The President expressed her thanks to Ms. Helena Brown, the Bureau member from Antigua and Barbuda, for her diligent work, in reviewing, on behalf of the Bureau, the credentials of representatives registered for the meeting.
3. In her closing communication, on 27 November 2020, the President reminded representatives that had not yet done so to submit their credentials as soon as possible and no later than 31 December 2020 and requested the Secretariat to follow up with the Parties concerned.

# ITEM 4. PROPOSED INTERIM BUDGET FOR 2021

1. The draft decision on the proposed interim budget that was submitted to representatives for their consideration and adoption was the outcome of review and consultations by the informal group that had been established under the guidance of the Bureau and notified to Parties and observers on 6 October 2020 ([notification-2020-079](https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/ntf-2020-079-budget-en.pdf)). In her opening communication, on 16 November 2020, the President expressed her gratitude, on behalf of the Bureau and on her own behalf, to Ambassador Spencer Thomas of Grenada for efficiently coordinating and facilitating the work of the informal group.
2. The draft decision on the interim budget for 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2) was placed under the silence procedure until 7 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon) on Thursday, 19 November 2020, for consideration and adoption. In her communication to representatives on 19 November 2020 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.4), the President announced that the silence had been broken and the proposed decision could not be adopted due to a comment that had been submitted by Brazil seeking the insertion of a footnote in the draft decision, and that it had been decided, after consultation with the Bureau, to suspend the meeting to allow consultations to resolve the issue.
3. The resumed session was held from Wednesday, 25 November 2020, at 7 am. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon), for a silence period of 48 hours.
4. In her opening communication of the resumed session, on 25 November 2020, the President reported that the necessary consultations, facilitated by the Presidency and the Bureau, had been held during the few days following the suspension of the meeting. She resubmitted, with no changes, the proposed interim budget for year 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2) for adoption.
5. In her closing communication, on 27 November 2020, the President announced that the silence had not been broken during the preceding 48 hours and, therefore, the proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the year 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2) was adopted. She further stated that the silence procedure applied to the meeting had helped the meeting achieve its objectives.
6. The President expressed thanks to all representatives for their understanding and cooperation.

# Item 5. Adoption of the report

1. As indicated in paragraph 22 of the annotated provisional agenda, and as updated later through the communications by the President, the communications constitute the outline of the present report. The report was adopted on Friday, 27 November 2020, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 1 p.m.) on the basis of document CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.1.
2. The report would be completed and issued after the meeting under the guidance of the President.

# Item 6. Closure of the meeting

1. The President expressed gratitude to all representatives for their cooperation in supporting the convening of the extraordinary meeting and contributing to its successful conclusion. She declared the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol closed on Friday, 27 November 2020, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 1 p.m.).

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