



Convention on Biological Diversity

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Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Eighteenth meeting

Montreal, Canada, 24–26 October 2023

Item 2 of the provisional agenda* Organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda

1. The provisional agenda for the eighteenth meeting of the Committee has been prepared taking into account the cyclical organization of work agreed to by the Committee at its eighth meeting,¹ held in 2011, the relevant outcomes and decisions emanating from the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol and relevant actions taken by the Committee at its previous meetings.

2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol agreed to extend until 31 December 2024 the terms of the five members whose terms had not been previously extended, so as to maintain the staggering of the Committee members' terms, and to hold elections for the other members. The tenth meeting was however suspended before the election could be held. To enable the Committee to continue its important work over the intersessional period, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol decided to extend the terms of the 10 members concerned. However, three of them were unable to continue to serve on the Committee. Further to paragraph 2 of rule 10 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Committee,² the Bureau appointed replacements for those three members. Further information is provided in document CBD/CP/CC/18/2.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. on 24 October 2023 by a representative of the Secretariat.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

4. According to rule 12 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Committee, the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for a term of two years, with a possibility of re-election for a further two-year term. Rigobert Ntep and Jimena Nieto Carrasco served for one term as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, respectively, starting in 2019. Owing to the extension of the terms of

* CBD/CP/CC/18/1.

¹ See [UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/8/3](#), figure 2.

² Decision BS-II/1, annex.

the members of the Committee during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, they continued to serve in their capacities as Chair and Vice-Chair. The Committee will now be invited to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the next two-year term.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

5. The Committee will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat.

(c) Organization of work

6. The Committee will be invited to approve the proposed organization of work as contained in annex I. The language of the meeting will be English.

7. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex II. The documents will be made available on the Secretariat's website.

8. An information note will be issued with details of logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other similar matters.

Item 3

Outcomes of the tenth 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

9. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol was divided in two parts: the first part was held in Kunming, China, from 11 to 15 October 2021, in a hybrid format; and the second part was held in person in Montreal, Canada, from 7 to 19 December 2022. At the meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered the report of the Committee on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth meetings.³

10. The annex to the report contained 24 specific recommendations by the Committee, grouped under broad topics, namely, compliance; monitoring and reporting; assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011–2020; and matters related to the financial mechanism and resources. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered the recommendations under the relevant agenda items and adopted a series of decisions.⁴

11. The Committee is invited to reflect on the aforementioned decisions and to agree on appropriate follow-up actions. To facilitate deliberations in this regard, the Secretariat has prepared a document containing a review of the outcomes of the tenth meeting with regard to the recommendations from the Committee, as well as other decisions relevant to the work of the Committee, and a proposed workplan for the Committee for the biennium 2023–2024.⁵

Item 4

Review of compliance in priority areas on the basis of information in the national reports and general issues of compliance

12. At its fifth meeting, held in 2008, the Committee decided to include a standing item on review of general issues of compliance on the agenda of its subsequent meetings.

13. In addition, in accordance with its cyclical organization of work, the Committee is expected to review compliance on the basis of the fourth national reports, focusing on priority issues identified by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

³ CBD/CP/MOP/10/2.

⁴ See www.cbd.int/decisions/mop/?m=cp-mop-10 for all decisions adopted at the tenth meeting.

⁵ CBD/CP/CC/18/2.

14. The Committee will have before it a document containing an overview of the status of compliance with obligations in priority areas and of actions taken to support Parties in achieving compliance.⁶ The document also contains information collected through the survey on compliance challenges carried out pursuant to decision [CP-10/2](#).

Item 5

Individual cases of non-compliance

15. At its fourteenth meeting, held in 2017, the Committee decided to include a standing item on the consideration of ongoing individual cases of non-compliance on the agenda of its subsequent meetings.

16. In this context, at its fifteenth and sixteenth meetings, held in 2018 and 2019, respectively, the Committee considered compliance by Parties that either had failed to submit national reports over multiple reporting cycles or still needed to introduce the necessary and appropriate measures to implement the Protocol, in compliance with Article 2 of the Protocol. At its seventeenth meeting, the Committee agreed to reconsider follow-up actions with the Parties concerned, as a matter of priority, at its following meeting in the light of the information provided in their fourth national reports or in their communications with the Secretariat.

17. The document prepared by the Secretariat under agenda item 5 provides an overview of intersessional activities concerning individual cases of non-compliance and the current status of those cases.⁷ The Committee is invited to consider follow-up actions and measures in relation to individual cases of non-compliance.

Item 6

Other matters

18. Under agenda item 6, the members of the Committee will have the opportunity to raise any other matters relevant to the functions of the Committee.

Item 7

Adoption of the report

19. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt its report of the meeting.

Item 8

Closure of the meeting

20. The eighteenth meeting of the Committee is expected to close at 5 p.m. on 26 October 2023.

⁶ CBD/CP/CC/18/3.

⁷ CBD/CP/CC/18/4.

Annex I**Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
24 October 2023	
9.30–10.15 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters: (a) Election of officers; (b) Adoption of the agenda; (c) Organization of work
10.15 a.m. –12.30 p.m.	Item 3. Outcomes of the tenth 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
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–5 p.m.	Item 3 (<i>continued</i>) Item 4. Review of compliance in priority areas on the basis of information in the national reports and general issues of compliance
25 October 2023	
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–5 p.m.	Item 5. Individual cases of non-compliance
26 October 2023	
9.30 a.m. –12 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>) Item 6. Other matters
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–5 p.m.	Item 7. Adoption of the report Item 8. Closure of the meeting

Annex II**List of documents**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/CP/CC/18/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/CP/CC/18/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/CP/CC/18/2	Outcomes of the tenth 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
CBD/CP/CC/18/3	Review of compliance in priority areas on the basis of information in the national reports and general issues of compliance
CBD/CP/CC/18/4	Individual cases of non-compliance
