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Detection and identification of living modified organisms

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

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

Recalling decision CP-9/11,

Noting the information provided by Parties in their fourth national reports relating to detection and identification of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and *acknowledging* the findings in the fourth assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol,

Noting goals A.6 to A.8 of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as goals A.6 to A.8 and related capacity-building activities of the capacity-building action plan for the Protocol,

Recognizing the importance of the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as its relevance and applicability to other fields;

Recognizing also the challenges identified by Parties associated with detection and identification of living modified organisms, including the lack of accessible validation and reference materials and financing;

Recognizing further the need for capacity-building activities on with new detection techniques, as well as on detecting and identifying unauthorized living modified organisms;

1. *Welcomes* the publication of Biosafety Technical Series 05: *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms and encourages Parties to continue to cooperate to develop regional networks of laboratories to facilitate the exchange of experience, sharing of information and building of expertise in the field;

3. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit information on their experience with detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms, and developing reference materials, as well as ongoing collaborations involving national and regional laboratories, and *also invites*

Parties, in particular those that have not yet done so, to submit information on their laboratories, including their specific activities, to the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Laboratory common format;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fifth or twenty-sixth meeting to consider the information submitted by Parties and relevant organizations in paragraph 3 and to prepare a recommendation to the Conference of Parties serving as a meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its eleventh meeting regarding the need to update the training manual on the detection and identification of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

5. *Urges* Parties and *invites* international organizations to provide financial resources, in particular for developing countries, especially the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, to laboratories and to strengthen the infrastructure for detection and identification of living modified organisms;

6. *Encourages* Parties and international organizations to fund the capacity-building of personnel involved in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue the work mandated under decision CP-9/11;

(b) To synthesize the information from paragraph 3 above and submit a report to the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its next meeting;

(c) To further enhance capacity-building in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, including the convening, in cooperation with relevant organizations, subject to the availability of resources, of regional and subregional capacity-building activities, such as online training and face-to-face workshops.
