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Report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on its eleventh meeting

Summary

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held its eleventh meeting in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024, online from 3 to 6 December 2024 and in Rome from 25 to 27 February 2025. It adopted 14 decisions, which are contained in section I, while the account of the proceedings of the meeting is contained in section II.

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I. Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

CP-11/1. Compliance

A

Compliance: general issues

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol

1. *Reminds* Parties of the importance of complying with their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;¹
2. *Also reminds* Parties of their obligation to designate a national focal point and to keep information on their national focal points up to date;
3. *Requests* that Parties collaborate fully when requested to provide information related to their compliance with obligations under the Cartagena Protocol;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by Parties to comply with their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol to make information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House, and urges Parties to ensure that this information is consistent with the information provided in their national reports;
5. *Encourages* Parties to use the free text fields in the format for the fifth national report to explain the responses provided, and invites Parties that are facing challenges in complying with certain obligations to share information in those free text fields on the challenges encountered;
6. *Recalls* that Parties facing difficulties with complying with one or more obligations under the Cartagena Protocol are urged to seek assistance from the Compliance Committee;
7. *Recognizes* the usefulness of the compliance action plans in advancing the development of measures to implement the Cartagena Protocol and the role of the Compliance Committee in facilitating support for Parties in this regard;
8. *Welcomes* the support for the development of biosafety legislation provided to Parties by the United Nations Environment Programme through its Law and Environment Assistance Platform, with a compliance action plan under active consideration;
9. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments, to provide voluntary funds in support of the 11 Parties² that have developed compliance action plans, as well as any additional Parties that develop and implement such plans at the request of the Compliance Committee;
10. *Urges* eligible Parties to prioritize biosafety projects during the programming of their national allocations under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;
11. *Reminds* Parties of Article 23 of the Cartagena Protocol, including its provisions relating to public awareness and education, and its potential to facilitate compliance with the Protocol, recalling that materials and tools have been developed by the Secretariat and are available on the Biosafety Clearing-House.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

² Barbados, Burundi, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Samoa, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia.

B**Compliance: caution**

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, Recalling Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,³

Recalling also section VI, paragraph 2 (b), of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Cartagena Protocol, as contained in the annex to its decision [BS-I/7](#) of 27 February 2004,

Noting with regret that Belize, Libya and Papua New Guinea have not submitted their third or fourth national reports,

Noting that the Compliance Committee and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁴ have contacted Belize, Libya and Papua New Guinea on numerous occasions, in accordance with decision [BS-V/1](#) of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol of 15 October 2010, which included offering support to those Parties in preparing their reports,

1. *Cautions* Belize, Libya and Papua New Guinea;
2. *Requests* Belize, Libya and Papua New Guinea to submit their fourth national reports as a matter of urgency;
3. *Encourages* Belize, Libya and Papua New Guinea to seek the assistance of the Compliance Committee, in accordance with decision [BS-V/1](#), should they require support in preparing their reports.

C**Compliance: other matters**

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

Noting the recommendation of the Compliance Committee contained in paragraph 1 of the annex to document [CBD/CP/MOP/11/3](#), and seeking to assist the Committee in carrying out its work,

Acknowledging that the definitions of “living modified organism” and “modern biotechnology” provided in Article 3 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety⁵ are not in question,

Recognizing the sovereign right of Parties to adopt legislation to implement their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol,

1. *Encourages* Parties to submit information regarding national legislation, regulations and guidelines on new developments in modern biotechnology that are relevant to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and not published in the Biosafety Clearing-House;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁶ to compile information contained in the Biosafety Clearing-House and other sources regarding current national legislation, regulations and guidelines on new developments in modern biotechnology;
3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the information gathered in response to paragraphs 1 and 2 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

CP-11/2. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources

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

Taking note of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity^{7,8} and the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for the Convention and its Protocols,⁹

Noting with concern that, two years into the implementation of the eighth replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, no projects have been submitted to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,¹⁰

Noting the outcomes of the analysis of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,

Welcoming the establishment and operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and its programming directions, which include an action area to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol,

Recalling decision [15/15](#) of 19 December 2022 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in which the Conference of the Parties invited the Council of the Global Environment Facility to examine the possibility of creating a finance window specifically for the Cartagena Protocol,

1. *Recommends* that, in adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with regard to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity include the following requests to the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To make funds available in a timely manner to support eligible Parties in preparing and submitting their fifth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol;

(b) To strengthen its funding dedicated to the Cartagena Protocol to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol, including its implementation plan¹¹ and its capacity-building action plan;¹²

(c) To continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas, upon request:

(i) Development and implementation of legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Cartagena Protocol;

(ii) Risk assessment and risk management;

(iii) Detection and identification of living modified organisms;

(iv) Public awareness, education and participation;

(v) Socioeconomic considerations;

(vi) Liability and redress;

(vii) National reporting, information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House;

⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁸ [CBD/COP/16/8/Rev.1](#).

⁹ [CBD/COP/16/INF/25](#).

¹⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

¹¹ Decision [CP-10/3](#), annex.

¹² Decision [CP-10/4](#), annex.

(viii) Knowledge-sharing and technology transfer;

(ix) Implementation of action plans to achieve compliance with the Cartagena Protocol;

(d) To further explore modalities to reform its operations, including through the consideration of ways to increase funds dedicated to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the use of global and regional projects, in such a manner as to enable the Global Environment Facility to fulfil effectively its responsibilities in operating the financial mechanism for the Protocol on an interim and ongoing basis, and to report on those matters to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth meeting;

(e) To consider the relevance of creating a stand-alone finance window for biosafety, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting;

(f) To simplify the process for the submission of biosafety project proposals;

(g) To facilitate capacity-building activities, including through webinars, on designing biosafety projects;

2. *Also recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention include the elements listed in subparagraphs 1 (b) and (c) above in the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2026–June 2030);

3. *Encourages* eligible Parties:

(a) To submit project proposals to the Global Environment Facility in support of the implementation of Target 17 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹³ and the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol, proactively making use of the notional allocation to support the implementation of the Protocol in the programming directions of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and of the programming directions for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and to take note of the relevant information in the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention when submitting such proposals;

(b) To cooperate at the regional and subregional levels, as appropriate, to prepare requests for support from the Global Environment Facility for joint projects contributing to, and maximizing complementarities and opportunities for, the cost-effective sharing of resources, information, experiences and expertise;

4. *Encourages* Parties to include needs and provisions for implementing Target 17 of the Framework and the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol in their national biodiversity finance plans and their national implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization for the Framework;¹⁴

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to further develop and communicate information on sources of funding for biosafety to support Parties.

¹³ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

¹⁴ Decision [16/34](#), annex I.

CP-11/3. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol

1. Welcomes with appreciation the improvements made to the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House in accordance with the joint modalities of operation for the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹⁵ the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House,¹⁶ as endorsed in decision [CP-9/2](#) of 28 November 2018;
2. Notes the work of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House;
3. Urges Parties to make all required information systematically available on the Biosafety Clearing-House, including legal measures for implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,¹⁷ decisions on the import or release of living modified organisms and cases of unintentional or illegal transboundary movements, in a timely manner, in accordance with the obligations under the Protocol and the procedures and mechanisms established in decision [BS-I/3](#) of 27 February 2004;
4. Requests Parties to review their national records published in the Biosafety Clearing-House for accuracy, including by verifying that the information made available on the Biosafety Clearing-House is up to date and complete and that the actual documents containing the information are uploaded correctly or, in cases where links to the documents are provided, that the links are functional, noting that the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol will be reviewing the information on the Biosafety Clearing-House at its twentieth meeting, in accordance with the obligations under the Protocol and the procedures and mechanisms established in decision [BS-I/3](#);
5. Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit scientific information to improve the quality of information published in the Biosafety Clearing-House;
6. Urges Parties to start the preparation of their fifth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and ensure the publication thereof in the Biosafety Clearing-House in a timely manner;
7. Welcomes the successful implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme-Global Environment Facility project for sustainable capacity-building for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House, and urges potential donor country Parties, other Governments and funding organizations to provide funds to continue the project and other capacity-building projects related to the Biosafety Clearing-House and to support the network of regional advisers;
8. Requests the Global Environment Facility, and invites other relevant funds, to continue to make funds available to Parties in support of activities related to the Biosafety Clearing-House and national biosafety websites;
9. Welcomes the collaborative activities of the Secretariat of the Convention with biosafety-related organizations and the linkages between the Biosafety Clearing-House and other databases;
10. Requests the Executive Secretary:
 - (a) To continue to maintain the Biosafety Clearing-House and to make necessary improvements to it, including those recommended by the Informal Advisory Committee and those requested by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and to the functionalities of various parts of the platform, so as to avoid creating new thematic pages;

¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹⁶ Decision [14/25](#), annex.

¹⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

- (b) To continue to translate pages of the Biosafety Clearing-House, including new features and content as they are developed, to ensure the availability of the platform in the six official languages of the United Nations;
- (c) To develop a customized biosafety national website template using the Bioland tool and to make it available to Parties wishing to build a national biosafety website with linkages to the Biosafety Clearing-House;
- (d) To continue to develop capacity-building materials and to provide training on the new functionalities of the Biosafety Clearing-House;
- (e) To continue to collaborate with other biosafety-related databases and organizations.

CP-11/4. Procedures for convening online and hybrid meetings

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

Reaffirming that all its meetings, as well as the meetings of the intergovernmental subsidiary bodies of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,¹⁸ must follow their respective rules of procedure,

1. *Affirms* that its meetings, as well as the meetings of the intergovernmental subsidiary bodies of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, should be held in person, unless extraordinary circumstances, as indicated in paragraph 2 below, render the holding of in-person meetings impractical for an extended period;

2. *Reaffirms* that, in the event of extraordinary circumstances that render the holding of in-person meetings impractical, sessions of the meetings referred to in paragraph 1 above could be held virtually through modalities that allow for online interactive participation, following consultations among Parties and a decision of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, as long as no substantive decisions are taken online, with the exception of decisions on budgetary and procedural matters to allow the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹⁹ to function;

3. *Notes* that, in the event of extraordinary circumstances that render the holding of in-person meetings impractical, urgent decisions, such as those on budgetary matters, may be taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol under a silence procedure in line with United Nations practice²⁰ and a decision of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, following consultations by the Bureau members with their respective regions, and applying the procedures set out in the rules of procedure for the convening of an extraordinary meeting;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that arrangements for meetings referred to in paragraph 1 above always include a provision for streaming the proceedings online to enable all duly registered delegates to follow the proceedings in real time;

5. *Notes* that expert groups, advisory groups and other groups with limited membership may meet in person, online or in a hybrid format, in line with their respective mandates and, as applicable, their respective rules of procedure;

6. *Also notes* that, during the intersessional period, the Bureaux can meet online to provide continued guidance to the Secretariat with regard to the preparation for, and conduct of, the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and relevant subsidiary bodies;

7. *Decides* that:

(a) The operational modalities of any meeting held online should be clearly set out in a scenario note prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the relevant Bureau and made available to all Parties in advance of the meeting;

(b) When scheduling online sessions of meetings, the Secretariat shall take into consideration the significant burden on the health and well-being of participants arising from time differences across time zones and aim to enable equitable participation of Parties across all regions, including by rotating time zones;

(c) The duration of online sessions should preferably be limited to two consecutive hours per day;

¹⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²⁰ Silence procedures under the United Nations are written procedures.

(d) The Secretariat should implement measures to facilitate effective online participation by all participants in online and hybrid sessions of meetings, and in particular to support Parties in overcoming network and connectivity difficulties, including by providing opportunities for prior training and testing convenient for all time zones, facilitating the use of meeting facilities at the relevant United Nations country office, where possible and by prior arrangement following a request from the Party concerned, and providing all reasonable measures to assist Parties that encounter difficulties with connectivity and the use of the interactive platform.

CP-11/5. Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,
Recalling decision [CP-10/8](#) of 10 December 2022,

Recognizing the need to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention on Biological Diversity²¹ and its Protocols,

1. *Takes note* of the recent experience and further suggestions for improving the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols summarized in document [CBD/SBI/4/11](#);

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and the Bureaux to draw upon that experience when preparing the organization of work and scenario notes for future meetings and to make those notes available to all Parties in advance of the meetings;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, together with the Bureaux, to continue to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, such as options for streamlining agendas, peer-reviewing documents in advance and the early submission of statements;

4. *Recommends* that, during the meetings of the open-ended subsidiary bodies, the number of sessions of contact groups and friends of the Chair held in parallel be limited, as much as possible, to the number of delegates per developing country Party whose participation has been supported by the Secretariat;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the identification of additional financial support to increase participation from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition;

6. *Decides* that, in the case of back-to-back intergovernmental meetings, a free day shall preferably be scheduled after every week, without prejudice to the support provided to eligible delegates;

7. *Recognizes* the need to limit evening negotiating sessions to reasonable hours to preserve the health of delegates attending intergovernmental meetings, in particular delegates of small delegations, and recommends, unless otherwise agreed, that preferably no session be scheduled beyond 13 hours from the start of the first open-ended meeting of the day;

8. *Requests* the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety²² and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Technical and Technological Advice to identify a pool of representatives to serve as chairs of working and contact groups or facilitators of friends of the Chair groups on the basis of their skills in building trust and consensus among those with differing views and their demonstrated knowledge of the issues to be addressed by the groups, well in advance of intergovernmental meetings held under the Protocol;

9. *Requests* that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, facilitate an orientation or training session for the representatives identified in paragraph 8 above ahead of the meetings in order to familiarize them with the rules of procedure and established practices, techniques and skills in the areas of managing multilateral negotiations and facilitating consensus, with a view to ensuring ethical approaches and impartiality, in accordance with United Nations standards and principles, including through United Nations-based training modules;

²¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²² *Ibid.*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

10. *Also requests* that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, facilitate the attendance of the representatives from developing country Parties identified in paragraph 8 above at intergovernmental meetings held under the Cartagena Protocol, without prejudice to the support provided for the participation of their delegations, where feasible;

11. *Recommends* that the organization of meetings include options to avoid protracted and unfruitful discussions, such as the appropriate use of strategic pauses to enable discussions by small groups and friends of the Chair groups to find possible solutions;

12. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments to engage with indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other national observer organizations and to solicit views from a wide range of relevant sectors in the process of preparations at the national level for meetings of the governing and subsidiary bodies, to inform the development of their national positions, as appropriate, and taking into account national circumstances;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau:

(a) To ensure that working documents are made available for meetings of the open-ended subsidiary bodies of the Cartagena Protocol in all official languages of the United Nations in accordance with their respective rules of procedure or *modus operandi* and at least six weeks before the opening of the respective meeting, and to ensure that the dates of issuance, included those of any updated versions, are clearly indicated on the web page for the meeting concerned, and assist the meeting chairs in asking Parties to reconsider the respective agendas for the meetings at the beginning of those meetings if the document posting procedures are not met;

(b) To develop a clear schedule for the preparations for each meeting in a timely manner, starting with subsidiary body meetings after the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(c) To provide national focal points at the end of each year, starting in 2024, with a calendar of activities and actions expected in the course of the following year, so as to rationalize intersessional activities and facilitate workflow management;

(d) To make efforts to limit the size of draft recommendations by subsidiary bodies or draft decisions by governing bodies, and to avoid duplication and redundancy with existing decisions, without prejudice to the ability of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to revisit previous decisions, in order to facilitate the subsequent implementation of decisions;

(e) To assist the chairs of intergovernmental meetings in limiting the number of items that are not assigned to contact groups, friends of chairs and small groups and directly result in conference room papers to those on which there is little disagreement;

(f) To review the structure of the website of the Cartagena Protocol to make it easier to use;

14. *Requests* the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to publish scenario notes for each of the intergovernmental meetings held under the Protocol and to schedule Bureau meetings at strategic points of the process;

15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to enable consultations with Parties, Bureau members, partners and stakeholders, with the support of qualified external experts in the field, as appropriate, to continue to develop options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Cartagena Protocol, and to submit such proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting, with a view to developing a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its twelfth meeting, taking into account recommendation [4/12](#) of 29 May 2024 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including the compilation of submissions contained in annex II to the recommendation.

CP-11/6. Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups

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

Recalling decision [CP-9/10](#) of 28 November 2018,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity²³ on the implementation of the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups,²⁴

Taking into account the effective use of the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest²⁵ in the selection of experts to serve in technical expert groups convened in processes under the Convention and its Protocols,

1. *Approves* the following amendments to the interest disclosure form contained in the appendix to the procedure:

(a) In the declaration sentence, at the end of the form, the following text is inserted: “If selected as a member of the expert group, I undertake to carry out my duties and responsibilities with all objectivity and, in the event that a conflict of interest is established, I undertake to recuse myself from relevant discussions or decision-making, as appropriate”;

(b) A “Name or description of the expert group” field is added at the beginning of the interest disclosure form, above the “Name” field, and a “Job title” field is added after the “Current employer” field;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to integrate the amendments referred to in paragraph 1 above into the interest disclosure form and replace the original form with the amended version;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to take measures, as appropriate, to enhance the application of the procedure, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,²⁶ including by:

(a) Without prejudice to item (b) of paragraph 4.4 of the procedure, disclosing to other members of the expert group and at the beginning of any meeting of an expert group significant interests that have been declared by a particular member;

(b) Publishing a summary of all declarations made and actions taken to manage any actual or potential conflicts of interest in the report on a meeting and any other outcome of work or product of an expert group;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the implementation of the procedure and, if necessary, to propose updates and amendments to the procedure for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to consider the report and any proposed amendments referred to in paragraph 4 above and to submit a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its fourteenth meeting.

²³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²⁴ [CBD/SBI/4/11/Add.1](#).

²⁵ Decision [14/33](#), annex.

²⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

CP-11/7. Risk assessment and risk management

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, Recalling Article 1 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,²⁷

Recalling also decision [CP-10/10](#) of 10 December 2022,

Recalling further decision [CP-9/13](#) of 28 November 2018, by which it established a process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues regarding the risk assessment of living modified organisms that might warrant consideration,

Recalling paragraph 7 of decision [14/19](#) of 29 November 2018 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,²⁸ in which the Conference of the Parties emphasized the need for a coordinated, complementary and non-duplicative approach on issues related to synthetic biology under the Convention and its Protocols, and noting, where appropriate, the conclusions of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology to Support the Process for Broad and Regular Horizon Scanning, Monitoring and Assessment,²⁹

Taking note of the assessment by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment of additional issues on which guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed,³⁰

1. *Welcomes with appreciation the outcomes of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;³¹*
2. *Welcomes the additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives;³²*
3. *Invites Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant organizations and stakeholders to make use of the additional voluntary guidance materials in conducting relevant risk assessments and as a tool for capacity-building activities in risk assessment;*
4. *Calls for the consideration of the related issues set out in the additional voluntary guidance materials³³, including traditional knowledge, innovation and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, in the decision-making process;*
5. *Invites Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations and stakeholders that have used the voluntary guidance materials to submit to the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity information on their experiences and assessment of the applicability and usefulness of the materials;*
6. *Calls for broad international cooperation, knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and resource mobilization to support, inter alia, the application of the additional voluntary guidance materials;*
7. *Decides to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on risk assessment, with the terms of reference contained in the annex to the present decision, tasked with the evaluation of the needs and priorities identified by Parties through the submission of the information requested in paragraph 8 below;*

²⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²⁹ See [CBD/SYNBIO/AHTEG/2024/1/3](#).

³⁰ See [CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2024/1/3](#).

³¹ See [CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2023/1/4](#) and [CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2024/1/3](#).

³² [CBD/CP/MOP/11/9](#).

³³ *Ibid.*, sect. 7.

8. *Invites* Parties to submit detailed information on their needs and priorities for further guidance materials on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, including a rationale following the criteria set out in annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#);

9. *Decides* to extend the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management to support the analysis of further topics of risk assessment in accordance with the criteria set out in annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#);

10. *Also decides* to consider at its twelfth meeting additional issues on which guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed, if any, further to the process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues pertaining to the risk assessment of living modified organisms established in decision [CP-9/13](#), taking into account the needs and priorities identified by Parties pursuant to paragraph 8 above and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice recommendation pursuant to paragraph 1 (d) of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;

11. *Requests* that the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) Prepare a synthesis of the information submitted in response to paragraph 5 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its twelfth meeting;

(b) Convene online discussions of the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management;

(c) Prepare a synthesis of information submitted in response to paragraphs 8 and 9 above to support the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;

(d) Convene at least one in-person meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment before the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(e) Convene capacity-building and development activities in support of risk assessment with a particular focus on the risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives.

Annex

Terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment shall:

(a) Be composed of experts, selected in accordance with section H of the consolidated *modus operandi* of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,³⁴ with specific scientific and technical expertise relevant to the mandate of the Expert Group, and include experts from academia, relevant international organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities, in line with decision [14/33](#) of 29 November 2018 on the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups;

(b) Subject to the availability of funds, hold at least one in-person meeting before the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;³⁵

(c) Analyse the information submitted by Parties further to paragraph 8 of the present decision and the discussions in the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, and on that basis prepare a list of prioritized topics, if any, on which further guidance

³⁴ Decision [VIII/10](#), annex III.

³⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

materials on risk assessment may be needed according to the criteria set out in annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#);

(d) Prepare a report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with a view to enabling the Subsidiary Body to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting.

2. In undertaking its work, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment shall consider the synthesis of views from the submissions and discussions in the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management prepared by the Secretariat.

CP-11/8. Detection and identification of living modified organisms

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

Recalling its decisions [CP-10/7](#) and [CP-10/11](#) of 10 December 2022 and the need for capacity-building activities on new detection and identification techniques for living modified organisms and on detecting and identifying unauthorized living modified organisms,

Recalling also its decisions [CP-10/3](#) and [CP-10/4](#) of 19 December 2022, and in particular Goals A.6 to A.8 of the implementation plan and Goals A.6 to A.8 and related capacity-building activities of the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,³⁶

Reiterating the importance of the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms for the Cartagena Protocol and its relevance and applicability to other fields,

Recognizing that the detection and identification of living modified organisms may pose challenges, in particular for developing countries,

Recognizing also the limited information available on the use of new techniques for detecting and identifying living modified organisms,

Recognizing further the advancements in new techniques for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, such as digital polymerase chain reaction and next-generation sequencing,

Recognizing with concern the high cost of laboratory infrastructure and consumables required for those new techniques and the lack of access to reagents for some developing country Parties,

Confirming that the *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety* (Biosafety Technical Series 05) is still relevant and useful for the detection and identification of living modified organisms,

Recognizing the usefulness of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for facilitating the exchange of experience, sharing information and building expertise,

1. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, participants in the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, developers and other relevant organizations to submit to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity³⁷ technical reference documents and other materials related to new quantitative polymerase chain reaction techniques, digital polymerase chain reaction, next-generation sequencing and isothermal amplification techniques in order to complement and update future editions of the *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*;

2. *Invites* Parties to share through the Biosafety Clearing-House, in accordance with national decisions and legislation, if appropriate, their experience with new detection techniques, such as those for detecting newly developed living modified organisms and unauthorized living modified organisms, including those that contain stacked events, and with developing, using and maintaining reference materials;

3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to share and make available through the Biosafety Clearing-House training materials and reference publications;

4. *Encourages* Parties to establish regional networks of laboratories and partnerships to support activities in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, and to promote capacity-building and knowledge-sharing;

³⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

5. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments and international organizations, to provide financial resources to laboratories, in particular in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States, and in countries with economies in transition, in order to strengthen the infrastructure for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, the formation of regional networks of laboratories, capacity-building activities and the development or acquisition of certified reference materials;

6. *Recommends* that, when adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with regard to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention invite the Global Environment Facility to assist eligible Parties by providing access to the means of implementation quickly and at the scale required to cover the scope and speed of the assistance needed, including for strengthening the infrastructure for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, establishing regional networks of laboratories, undertaking capacity-building activities and developing or acquiring certified reference materials, and urges Parties to submit appropriate proposals in that context to the Global Environment Facility to enable support for such activities;

7. *Encourages* technology developers to share, as appropriate, detection and identification methods on newly developed living modified organisms through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

8. *Requests* that the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) Continue to collect publications and technical resource materials in various languages and make them available on the dedicated portal for the sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms in the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(b) Prepare a compilation of the technical reference documents and other materials submitted in response to the request in paragraph 1, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting;

(c) Collaborate with relevant organizations and provide capacity-building support to Parties in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, including hands-on training of laboratory personnel on both traditional analytical methods and new detection techniques;

(d) Raise awareness of the usefulness of the sampling, detection and identification portal on the Biosafety Clearing-House and explore the possibility to link and cross-reference the content of relevant databases not already shared with the Biosafety Clearing-House.

CP-11/9. Socioeconomic considerations

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

Recalling the guidance on the assessment of socioeconomic considerations in the context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,^{38,39} taken note of in decision [CP-9/14](#) of 28 November 2018,

Recalling also decision [CP-10/12](#) of 10 December 2022,

Recalling further Goal A.9 of the implementation plan⁴⁰ and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol,⁴¹

1. *Welcomes* the information shared on experiences in the use of the voluntary guidance, examples of methodologies and applications of socioeconomic considerations in the light of the elements of the guidance,⁴² while recognizing that limited information was submitted in this regard;

2. *Also welcomes* information shared by Parties on approaches and requirements for socioeconomic considerations and regarding experiences in assessing socioeconomic considerations further to the responses provided in their fourth national reports;⁴³

3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate, to use the voluntary guidance and share their experiences in this regard in the fifth national reports or to make such experiences available in the Biosafety Clearing-House virtual library;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁴⁴ to synthesize the information provided in the fifth national reports further to paragraph 3 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its twelfth meeting;

5. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and organizations to carry out capacity-building and awareness-raising activities in support of Goal A.9 of the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol, and encourages donors to provide the necessary resources in this regard.

³⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

³⁹ [CBD/CP/MOP/9/10](#), annex.

⁴⁰ Decision [CP-10/3](#), annex.

⁴¹ Decision [CP-10/4](#), annex.

⁴² Available at www.cbd.int/notifications/2023-133.

⁴³ Available at bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/Activities2023-2024.shtml.

⁴⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

CP-11/10. Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and further serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol,*⁴⁵

Recalling decision [CP-10/13](#) of 10 December 2022, in particular its paragraph 8,

Also recalling Goal A.10 of the implementation plan⁴⁶ and the capacity-building action plan⁴⁷ for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,⁴⁸

1. *Welcomes* the additional instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol⁴⁹ that have been deposited since the adoption of decision [CP-10/13](#);

2. *Notes with regret* the limited number of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that have ratified the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, and invites all Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that have not yet done so to deposit an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol as soon as possible;

3. *Welcomes* the additional records published in the Biosafety Clearing-House containing the contact details of the competent authorities to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol;

4. *Reminds* Parties to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol to designate a competent authority to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Supplementary Protocol and to publish information on the competent authorities using the common format available for that purpose in the Biosafety Clearing-House;

5. *Welcomes* the information provided by Parties on the measures in place to provide for financial security for damage from living modified organisms, while noting with regret that only a few Parties have provided such information;

6. *Invites* Parties to share information on financial security mechanisms, together with other information on national measures for the implementation of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, in their fifth national reports, and requests the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁵⁰ to use that information when preparing the documentation for the first assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Supplementary Protocol;⁵¹

7. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and organizations to carry out capacity-building and awareness-raising activities in support of the ratification and the effective implementation of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, and encourages donors to provide the resources necessary in that regard, further to Goal A.10 of the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to continue to undertake awareness-raising and capacity-building activities and to provide support to Parties for implementing the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol at the national level.

⁴⁵ In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, and subject to paragraph 2 of Article 32 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Supplementary Protocol. Consequently, the present decision has been adopted by the Parties to the Supplementary Protocol.

⁴⁶ Decision [CP-10/3](#), annex.

⁴⁷ Decision [CP-10/4](#), annex.

⁴⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁴⁹ See United Nations Environment Programme, document [UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/17](#), annex, decision [BS-V/11](#).

⁵⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁵¹ See decision [CP-10/13](#), para. 12.

CP-11/11. Administration of the Cartagena Protocol and budget for the trust funds

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol

1. *Decides* to adopt an integrated programme of work and budget for the Convention on Biological Diversity,⁵² the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety⁵³ and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization;⁵⁴
2. *Also decides* to share all costs for secretariat services among the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol on a ratio of 72 to 15 to 13 for the biennium 2025–2026;
3. *Approves* a core programme budget for the Cartagena Protocol of 3,252,308 United States dollars for the year 2025 and of 3,413,007 dollars for the year 2026, representing 15 per cent of the integrated budget of 21,682,052 dollars for 2025 and 22,753,379 dollars for 2026 for the Convention and the Protocols, for the purposes listed in tables 1 and 2 below;
4. *Also approves*, in the circumstance that no availability at International Civil Aviation Organization headquarters can be identified to convene the meetings of the subsidiary bodies during the biennium 2025–2026, an additional programme budget not exceeding 28,975 dollars for 2025 and 28,975 dollars for 2026, representing 15 per cent of the additional integrated budget of 193,168 dollars for 2025 and 193,168 dollars for 2026 for the Convention and its Protocols, with the additional programme budget being drawn from the unspent balance of the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Cartagena Protocol;
5. *Adopts* the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2025 and 2026, in accordance with the current scale of assessments of the United Nations,⁵⁵ as contained in the annex to the present decision;
6. *Decides* to apply paragraphs 5 to 7 and 9 to 43 of decision 16/28 of 6 December 2024 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, entitled “Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds”, mutatis mutandis.

Table 1

Integrated biennial budget for the core trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols, 2025–2026 (by object of expenditure)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Staff costs	13 301.0	13 862.7	27 163.7
General temporary assistance	100.0	100.0	200.0
Bureau meetings	161.5	176.8	338.3
Expert meetings	175.0	205.0	380.0
Meetings of intergovernmental bodies ^a	2 274.6	2 700.9	4 975.5
Consultants	75.0	75.0	150.0
Functional review	250.0	–	250.0
Official travel	400.0	450.0	850.0
Rent and associated costs	1 462.6	1 476.6	2 939.2
Training	5.0	5.0	10.0
Information technology	65.0	65.0	130.0
General operating expenses	726.6	726.6	1 453.2
Public awareness material	100.0	100.0	200.0

⁵² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

⁵⁵ As contained in General Assembly resolution 76/238. Once adopted by the Assembly, the revised scale of assessments for the triennium 2025–2027 will be applied to calculate assessed contributions for the biennium 2025–2026.

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	2025	2026	2025–2026
Translation of the clearing-house websites	65.0	65.0	130.0
Subtotal	19 161.3	20 008.6	39 170.9
Programme support (13 per cent)	2 491.0	2 601.1	5 092.1
Subtotal	21 652.3	22 609.8	44 262.1
Working capital reserve	29.8	143.6	173.4
Total	21 682.1	22 753.4	44 435.5
Cartagena Protocol share of the integrated budget (15 per cent)	3 252.3	3 413.0	6 665.3
Contributions from the host country	(247.9)	(250.3)	(498.2)
Use of reserves	(71.3)	(29.0)	(100.3)
Net total to be shared by Parties	2 933.1	3 133.7	6 066.8

^a First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities; twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice; sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation; and, held concurrently, seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Table 2

Integrated biennial budget for the core trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols, 2025–2026 (by component)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	2025	2026	2025–2026
A. Governing and subsidiary bodies	2 611.2	3 082.7	5 693.9
B. Executive direction and management	2 946.8	3 098.4	6 045.1
C. Programme of work	10 013.3	10 384.3	20 397.6
D. Administrative support	3 590.2	3 443.2	7 033.4
Subtotal	19 161.3	20 008.6	39 170.0
Programme support costs	2 491.0	2 601.1	5 092.1
Working capital reserve	29.8	143.6	173.4
Total requirements	21 682.1	22 753.4	44 435.4
Cartagena Protocol share of the integrated budget (15 per cent)	3 252.3	3 413.0	6 665.3
Contributions from the host country	(247.9)	(250.3)	(498.2)
Reserve	(71.3)	(29.0)	(100.3)
Net total (to be shared by Parties)	2 933.1	3 133.7	6 066.8

Annex

Contribution table for the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Cartagena Protocol, 2025–2026

Party	Scale of assessment (percentage)		Contributions (United States dollars)		
	2022–2024	Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent	2025	2026	2025–2026
Afghanistan	0.006	0.008	248	265	514
Albania	0.008	0.011	331	354	685
Algeria	0.109	0.154	4 513	4 822	9 336
Angola	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Armenia	0.007	0.010	290	310	600
Austria	0.679	0.959	28 115	30 039	58 154
Azerbaijan	0.030	0.042	1 242	1 327	2 569
Bahamas	0.019	0.027	787	841	1 627
Bahrain	0.054	0.076	2 236	2 389	4 625
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Barbados	0.008	0.011	331	354	685
Belarus	0.041	0.058	1 698	1 814	3 512
Belgium	0.828	1.169	34 285	36 631	70 916
Belize	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Benin	0.005	0.007	207	221	428
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.019	0.027	787	841	1 627
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.017	497	531	1 028
Botswana	0.015	0.021	621	664	1 285
Brazil	2.013	2.842	83 352	89 055	172 408
Bulgaria	0.056	0.079	2 319	2 477	4 796
Burkina Faso	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Burundi	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Cambodia	0.007	0.010	290	310	600
Cameroon	0.013	0.018	538	575	1 113
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Chad	0.003	0.004	124	133	257
China	15.254	21.535	631 622	674 839	1 306 461
Colombia	0.246	0.347	10 186	10 883	21 069
Comoros	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Congo	0.005	0.007	207	221	428
Costa Rica	0.069	0.097	2 857	3 053	5 910
Côte d'Ivoire	0.022	0.031	911	973	1 884
Croatia	0.091	0.128	3 768	4 026	7 794
Cuba	0.095	0.134	3 934	4 203	8 136
Cyprus	0.036	0.051	1 491	1 593	3 083
Czechia	0.340	0.480	14 078	15 042	29 120
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.007	207	221	428
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Denmark	0.553	0.781	22 898	24 465	47 363

Party	Scale of assessment (percentage)		Contributions (United States dollars)		
	2022–2024	Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent	2025	2026	2025–2026
Djibouti	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Dominica	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Dominican Republic	0.067	0.095	2 774	2 964	5 738
Ecuador	0.077	0.109	3 188	3 406	6 595
Egypt	0.139	0.196	5 756	6 149	11 905
El Salvador	0.013	0.018	538	575	1 113
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Estonia	0.044	0.062	1 822	1 947	3 768
Eswatini	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
European Union	-	2.500	73 326	78 344	151 670
Fiji	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Finland	0.417	0.589	17 267	18 448	35 715
France	4.318	6.096	178 795	191 029	369 824
Gabon	0.013	0.018	538	575	1 113
Gambia	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Georgia	0.008	0.011	331	354	685
Germany	6.111	8.627	253 038	270 351	523 389
Ghana	0.024	0.034	994	1 062	2 056
Greece	0.325	0.459	13 457	14 378	27 835
Grenada	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Guatemala	0.041	0.058	1 698	1 814	3 512
Guinea	0.003	0.004	124	133	257
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Guyana	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Honduras	0.009	0.013	373	398	771
Hungary	0.228	0.322	9 441	10 087	19 528
India	1.044	1.474	43 229	46 187	89 416
Indonesia	0.549	0.775	22 732	24 288	47 020
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.371	0.524	15 362	16 413	31 775
Iraq	0.128	0.181	5 300	5 663	10 963
Ireland	0.439	0.620	18 178	19 421	37 599
Italy	3.189	4.502	132 047	141 082	273 129
Jamaica	0.008	0.011	331	354	685
Japan	8.033	11.340	332 622	355 381	688 003
Jordan	0.022	0.031	911	973	1 884
Kazakhstan	0.133	0.188	5 507	5 884	11 391
Kenya	0.030	0.042	1 242	1 327	2 569
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Kuwait	0.234	0.330	9 689	10 352	20 041
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.007	0.010	290	310	600
Latvia	0.050	0.071	2 070	2 212	4 282
Lebanon	0.036	0.051	1 491	1 593	3 083
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Liberia	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Libya	0.018	0.025	745	796	1 542
Lithuania	0.077	0.109	3 188	3 406	6 595

Party	Scale of assessment (percentage)		Contributions (United States dollars)		
	2022–2024	Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent	2025	2026	2025–2026
Luxembourg	0.068	0.096	2 816	3 008	5 824
Madagascar	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Malawi	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Malaysia	0.348	0.491	14 410	15 396	29 805
Maldives	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Mali	0.005	0.007	207	221	428
Malta	0.019	0.027	787	841	1 627
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Mauritania	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Mauritius	0.019	0.027	787	841	1 627
Mexico	1.221	1.724	50 558	54 017	104 575
Mongolia	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Montenegro	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Morocco	0.055	0.078	2 277	2 433	4 711
Mozambique	0.004	0.006	166	177	343
Myanmar	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Namibia	0.009	0.013	373	398	771
Nauru	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	1.377	1.944	57 017	60 919	117 936
New Zealand	0.309	0.436	12 795	13 670	26 465
Nicaragua	0.005	0.007	207	221	428
Niger	0.003	0.004	124	133	257
Nigeria	0.182	0.257	7 536	8 052	15 588
Niue	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
North Macedonia	0.007	0.010	290	310	600
Norway	0.679	0.959	28 115	30 039	58 154
Oman	0.111	0.157	4 596	4 911	9 507
Pakistan	0.114	0.161	4 720	5 043	9 764
Palau	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Panama	0.090	0.127	3 727	3 982	7 708
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.014	414	442	856
Paraguay	0.026	0.037	1 077	1 150	2 227
Peru	0.163	0.230	6 749	7 211	13 960
Philippines	0.212	0.299	8 778	9 379	18 157
Poland	0.837	1.182	34 658	37 029	71 687
Portugal	0.353	0.498	14 617	15 617	30 233
Qatar	0.269	0.380	11 138	11 901	23 039
Republic of Korea	2.574	3.634	106 582	113 874	220 456
Republic of Moldova	0.005	0.007	207	221	428
Romania	0.312	0.440	12 919	13 803	26 722
Rwanda	0.003	0.004	124	133	257
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Saint Lucia	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Samoa	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Saudi Arabia	1.184	1.671	49 026	52 380	101 406
Senegal	0.007	0.010	290	310	600
Serbia	0.032	0.045	1 325	1 416	2 741

Party	Scale of assessment (percentage)		Contributions (United States dollars)		
	2022–2024	Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent	2025	2026	2025–2026
Seychelles	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Slovakia	0.155	0.219	6 418	6 857	13 275
Slovenia	0.079	0.112	3 271	3 495	6 766
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Somalia	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
South Africa	0.244	0.344	10 103	10 795	20 898
Spain	2.134	3.013	88 362	94 408	182 771
Sri Lanka	0.045	0.064	1 863	1 991	3 854
State of Palestine	0.011	0.016	455	487	942
Sudan	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Suriname	0.003	0.004	124	133	257
Sweden	0.871	1.230	36 065	38 533	74 599
Switzerland	1.134	1.601	46 955	50 168	97 124
Syrian Arab Republic	0.009	0.013	373	398	771
Tajikistan	0.003	0.004	124	133	257
Thailand	0.368	0.520	15 238	16 280	31 518
Togo	0.002	0.003	83	88	171
Tonga	0.001	0.001	41	44	86
Trinidad and Tobago	0.037	0.052	1 532	1 637	3 169
Tunisia	0.019	0.027	787	841	1 627
Turkey	0.845	1.193	34 989	37 383	72 372
Turkmenistan	0.034	0.048	1 408	1 504	2 912
Uganda	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Ukraine	0.056	0.079	2 319	2 477	4 796
United Arab Emirates	0.635	0.896	26 293	28 092	54 386
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.375	6.176	181 155	193 551	374 706
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010	293	313	607
Uruguay	0.092	0.130	3 809	4 070	7 880
Uzbekistan	0.027	0.038	1 118	1 194	2 312
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.175	0.247	7 246	7 742	14 988
Viet Nam	0.093	0.131	3 851	4 114	7 965
Yemen	0.008	0.010	293	313	607
Zambia	0.008	0.010	293	313	607
Zimbabwe	0.007	0.010	290	310	600
Total	69.092	100	2 933 053	3 133 740	6 066 793

CP-11/12. Costs of convening an in-person resumed session of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

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

Recalling its decision [CP-11/4](#) of 1 November 2024, in which it noted that, in the event of extraordinary circumstances that rendered the holding of in-person meetings impractical, urgent decisions, such as those on budgetary matters, might be taken under silence procedure,

Recalling also that the closing plenary session of its eleventh meeting, held in Cali, Colombia, was suspended on 2 November 2024 without completing the consideration of a number of agenda items,

Recognizing the need to convene in the first quarter of 2025 an in-person resumed session of its eleventh meeting to complete discussion of the agenda items still pending and to close the meeting,

Recognizing also that convening said in-person resumed session will generate expenditure to cover the costs of the venue, as well as travel costs and subsistence allowances for Secretariat staff and delegates from eligible Parties,

Reaffirming the importance of the full and effective participation of delegates from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,⁵⁶

Noting that the resumed session of its eleventh meeting will be held in Rome from 25 to 27 February 2025,

1. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to draw down an amount not exceeding 60,000 United States dollars from the unspent balance of the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, representing 15 per cent of a total amount of 400,000 dollars required to convene the in-person resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,⁵⁷ the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity;⁵⁸

2. *Decides* to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision [16/29](#) of 6 December 2024 of the Conference of the Parties.

⁵⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

II. Proceedings of the meeting

Background

1. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held concurrently with the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization. The eleventh meeting commenced in Cali, Colombia, on 21 October 2024 and had to be suspended on the morning of 2 November 2024, for lack of a quorum, before all items could be considered in plenary. As a result, a first resumed meeting was held online, under silence procedure, from 3 to 6 December 2024 to consider the budget-related decisions (see item 6 below), and a second resumed meeting was held in person in Rome from 25 to 27 February 2025 to consider all remaining items (see items 1–3 and 15–17 below).
2. The eleventh meeting was preceded by a ceremonial opening, on 20 October, consisting of a cultural presentation and statements by the President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro Urrego; the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres; the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China and President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, Runqiu Huang; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, María Susana Muhamad González; the Governor of the Department of Valle del Cauca, Dilian Francisca Toro Torres; and the Mayor of Cali, Álvaro Alejandro Eder Garcés.

Attendance

3. The meeting was attended by 158 Parties and 18 non-Parties.⁵⁹

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

4. The 1st plenary session was held jointly with those of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, on 21 October 2024.
5. The President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention declared the meetings open at 9.30 a.m. and delivered his opening remarks.
6. Opening remarks were also delivered by the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker, and the incoming President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia.⁶⁰

Resumed meeting

7. The President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia,⁶¹ opened the second resumed meeting at 10.10 a.m. on 25 February 2025, at the 7th plenary session.⁶²

⁵⁹ See [CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/1](#) for the list of participants.

⁶⁰ See [CBD/COP/16/13](#), paras. 5–9, for a summary of the opening remarks.

⁶¹ See “Election of the President” under item 2.

⁶² The first resumed meeting, representing the 6th plenary session, was held online under silence procedure from 3 to 6 December 2024 (see item 6).

8. Opening remarks were made by the President, the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Elizabeth Mrema, on behalf of the Secretary-General.⁶³

Item 2

Organizational matters

9. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered agenda item 2 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it a provisional agenda,⁶⁴ an annotated provisional agenda⁶⁵ and a proposed organization of work.⁶⁶ An information document on the procedures for elections to fill the positions of vice-presidents of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and chairs of the intergovernmental subsidiary bodies had also been issued in relation to item 2.⁶⁷

Election of the President

10. Pursuant to Article 29, paragraph 3, of the Cartagena Protocol, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties also serves as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Accordingly, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, who had been elected President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, also served as the President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

Election of substitute officers

11. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which apply mutatis mutandis under the Protocol, 10 members of the Bureau had been elected by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its fifteenth meeting to serve until the closure of the sixteenth meeting. Subsequently, one member of the Bureau had been replaced by the Party concerned. All countries represented being Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the Bureau for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol comprised the following members, in addition to the President:

Khangeziwe Mabuza (Eswatini)
 Abderahmane Zino Izourar (Algeria)
 Krishneel Nand (Fiji)
 Somaly Chan (Cambodia)
 Teona Karchava (Georgia)
 Angela Lozan (Republic of Moldova)
 Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica)
 Maria Teresa Becerra Ramírez (Colombia)
 Eric Schauls (Luxembourg)
 Norbert Bärlocher (Switzerland)

12. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol agreed that Ms. Chan would serve as Rapporteur for the meeting, as proposed by the Bureau.

⁶³ See [CBD/COP/16/13](#), paras. 12–14, for a summary of opening remarks for the second resumed meeting.

⁶⁴ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/1](#).

⁶⁵ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.1](#).

⁶⁶ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.2](#).

⁶⁷ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/4](#).

13. At its 3rd plenary session, on 30 October, in accordance with rule 21 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention elected the following representatives to serve as members of its Bureau for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its sixteenth meeting, and hence as the Bureau for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol upon the closure of its eleventh meeting:

Joséphine Thérèse Babette Beyala Epse Eloundou (Cameroon)

Jonas Komi Anthé (Togo)

Bilal Qteshat (Jordan)

Illam Atho Mohamed (Maldives)

Adla Kahrić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Jakhongir Talipov (Uzbekistan)

Corina Sarli (Argentina)

Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica)

Gaute Hanssen (Norway)

Eric Schauls (Luxembourg)

14. At its 4th plenary session, on 31 October, in accordance with Article 29, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol elected Gerardo Evia (Uruguay) as a member of the Bureau for the Cartagena Protocol, substituting for Corina Sarli (Argentina), as Argentina was not party to the Protocol.

Adoption of the agenda

15. At its 1st plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.
4. Reports of subsidiary bodies.
5. Report of the Compliance Committee.
6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds.
7. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources.
8. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House.
9. Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives.
10. Review of effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols.
11. Risk assessment and risk management.
12. Detection and identification of living modified organisms.
13. Socioeconomic considerations.
14. Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.
15. Other matters.

16. Adoption of the report.
17. Closure of the meeting.

Organization of work

16. At its 1st plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol agreed to organize its work as set out in annex III to the proposed organization of work. It consequently agreed to establish two working groups. Working Group I would be chaired by Charlotta Sörqvist (Sweden) and Working Group II by Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico).

Work of sessional working groups

17. Working Group I held six sessions between 21 October and 1 November 2024 and adopted its report⁶⁸ on 1 November 2024.

18. Working Group II held 12 sessions between 21 October and 1 November 2024 and adopted its report⁶⁹ on 1 November 2024.

First stocktake session

19. The 2nd plenary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, on 25 October, served in part as a stocktake session held jointly with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. During the stocktake session, the Chairs of Working Group I, Working Group II and the contact group on budgetary matters reported on the progress made to date.

20. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States Parties to the Protocol represented at the meeting) and Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations represented at the meeting).

21. A statement was also made by a representative of the following non-Party: Russian Federation (also on behalf of Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), South Africa and the United Arab Emirates).

Second stocktake session

22. The 3rd plenary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol served in part as a second stocktake session held jointly with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. During the stocktake session, representatives heard a report from the President on the outcomes of the high-level segment, as well as reports by the Chairs of Working Group I, Working Group II and the contact group on budgetary matters on the progress made to date.

23. A statement was made by a representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, the Cook Islands, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Malaysia, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of) Nauru, Palau, the Philippines, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the African States).⁷⁰

⁶⁸ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/WGI/L.1.](#)

⁶⁹ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/WGII/L.1.](#)

⁷⁰ The Cook Islands, Haiti, Micronesia (Federated States of), Vanuatu and some African States are not party to the Cartagena Protocol.

First resumed meeting

24. Ahead of the first resumed meeting, the Secretariat issued an opening communication from the President⁷¹ and a scenario note⁷² for the adoption under silence procedure of two budget-related draft decisions.⁷³ The result of the silence procedures is described under item 6 below.

Second resumed meeting

25. At its 7th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol had before it an annotated provisional agenda for all outstanding items⁷⁴ and a proposed organization of work and scenario note,⁷⁵ both of which had been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau.

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol approved the proposed scenario note, as set out in section II of document CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.5, and the proposed organization of work, as set out in the annex to the same document.

Item 3**Report on the credentials of representatives to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol**

27. At its 1st plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol noted that, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure for meetings of the Parties, the Bureau had reviewed the list of observers admitted to the meeting⁷⁶ and would examine the credentials of delegations and report thereon at a later session. It also noted that the Bureau had designated Ms. Mabuza as its representative for the review of credentials.

28. At the 2nd plenary session, Ms. Mabuza reported that 151 Parties to the Protocol were registered as attending the meeting. Representatives of 108 registered Parties had submitted credentials in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, while representatives of 1 registered Party had submitted credentials that were not fully compliant. Representatives of 42 registered Parties had not yet submitted credentials.

29. At the 3rd plenary session, Ms. Mabuza reported that 155 Parties to the Protocol were registered as attending the meeting. Representatives of 115 registered Parties had submitted credentials in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, while representatives of 1 registered Party had submitted credentials that were not fully compliant. Representatives of 39 registered Parties had not yet submitted credentials.

30. At the 4th plenary session, the President informed delegates that the report on credentials had been issued as information document CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/6. In addition, the representatives of Tajikistan had submitted fully compliant credentials, bringing the number of Parties that had submitted credentials in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure to 116 for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

31. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol took note of, and approved, the report on credentials.⁷⁷

⁷¹ Available at www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-MOP-11-R1, together with all documents pertaining to the online resumed meeting.

⁷² [CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.3](#).

⁷³ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.12/Rev.1](#) and [CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.13](#).

⁷⁴ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.4](#).

⁷⁵ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.5](#).

⁷⁶ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/5](#), annex.

⁷⁷ The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela submitted credentials after the report on credentials had been issued, and a revised report ([CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/6/Rev.1](#)) was subsequently issued with updated data.

Second resumed meeting

32. At the 8th plenary session, on 26 February 2025, Ms. Mabuza informed the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol that 136 Parties were registered as attending the second resumed meeting. Representatives of 117 registered Parties had submitted credentials in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, while representatives of 19 registered Parties had not yet submitted credentials. The report on credentials for the second resumed meeting had been issued as information document [CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/7](#).

33. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol took note of, and approved, the report on credentials.⁷⁸

Item 4**Reports of subsidiary bodies**

34. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered agenda item 4 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it the following reports on intersessional work undertaken by various bodies since its tenth meeting: the report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-sixth meeting⁷⁹ and the reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its fourth and fifth meetings.⁸⁰

35. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol heard oral reports from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

36. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Democratic Republic of the Congo and Egypt (speaking in his capacity as Rapporteur at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation).

37. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol took note of the information provided and agreed to consider the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies in the working groups, under the relevant agenda items.

Item 5**Report of the Compliance Committee**

38. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered agenda item 5 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it a draft decision⁸¹ and the report of the Compliance Committee on the work of its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings.⁸² An information document on activities undertaken by the Committee with regard to the obligation to submit national reports leading up to the recommendation to caution individual Parties had also been issued in relation to item 5.⁸³

39. The Chair of the Compliance Committee, Rigobert Ntep (Cameroon), presented the Committee's report.

40. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, European Union and its member States, New Zealand and Norway.

⁷⁸ Argentina, Barbados, Botswana, the United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu submitted credentials after the report on credentials for the second resumed meeting had been issued, and a revised report ([CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/7/Rev.1](#)) was subsequently issued with updated data.

⁷⁹ [CBD/SBSTTA/26/9](#).

⁸⁰ [CBD/SBI/4/17](#) and [CBD/SBI/5/4](#), respectively.

⁸¹ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/2](#), item 5.

⁸² [CBD/CP/MOP/11/3](#).

⁸³ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/2](#).

41. In accordance with the organization of work, substantive matters arising from the report were referred to Working Group II for consideration.
42. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol decided to extend by two more years the term of the five members of the Compliance Committee listed in table A of the annex to notification [No. 2024-092](#) of 12 September 2024 issued by the Secretariat in relation to the nomination and election of members of the Committee. It also decided to hold elections at a later session in relation to the 10 members whose terms would end on 31 December 2024, as listed in table B of the annex to the notification.
43. At its 4th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol elected the following members of the Compliance Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2025:
- Rigobert Ntep (Cameroon)
 - Dorington O. Ogoyi (Kenya)
 - Yousef Saleh al-Hafedh (Saudi Arabia)
 - Yan Liu (China)
 - Hana Jiráková (Czechia)
 - Klodiana Marika (Albania)
 - Alejandra Ferenczi (Uruguay)
 - Daniel Lewis (Grenada)
 - Andreas Heissenberger (Austria)
 - Casper Linnestad (Norway)
44. Working Group II considered agenda item 5 at its 2nd session, on 22 October.
45. The Chair of the Compliance Committee reported on the work of the Compliance Committee at its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings.
46. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Ecuador, Egypt, European Union and its member States, Gabon, India, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay.
47. The Chair established a group of friends of the Chair, to be facilitated by Mr. Linnestad, to resolve the outstanding issues. Working Group II agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration, taking the outcome of the discussion in the group of friends of the Chair into account.
48. At its 7th session, on 28 October, Working Group II considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair following the discussion in the group of friends of the Chair and approved it for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.7.
49. At its 3rd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.7, submitted by the Chair of Working Group II.
50. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the draft decision, as orally amended in the Spanish version, as decision [CP-11/1](#).

Item 6

Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds

51. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered agenda item 6 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it a draft decision⁸⁴ and notes by the Secretariat on the administration of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2023–2024,⁸⁵ the proposed budget for the programmes of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026,⁸⁶ the requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities⁸⁷ and the functional review of the Secretariat.⁸⁸

52. The Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the Secretariat and presented the proposed budget for the programmes of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026.

53. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention, serving also as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, established a contact group on budgetary matters, chaired by Charles Gbedemah (Ghana), with the mandate to consider the proposed budget for the biennium 2025–2026 in detail.

54. At its 5th plenary session, on 1 November, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, serving also as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, heard a report from the Chair of the contact group on budgetary matters, also in his capacity of facilitator of the group of friends of the President.

55. Owing to the loss of a quorum, however, discussions had to be suspended before they could be completed (see item 17 below).

56. From 3 to 6 December 2024, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol held its 6th plenary session, by means of an online resumed meeting, to consider the adoption under silence procedure of draft decisions [CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.12/Rev.1](#) and [CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.13](#), submitted by the President.

57. The silence procedure having concluded on 6 December without the Parties raising any objections during the period specified for breaking silence, the President issued a closing communication informing the Parties that the two draft decisions were considered as adopted, as decisions [CP-11/11](#) and [CP-11/12](#), respectively.

Item 7

Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources

58. Working Group I considered agenda item 7 at its 2nd session, on 22 October. It had before it a draft decision⁸⁹ and a note by the Secretariat on the financial mechanism and resources.⁹⁰

59. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union and its member States, Gabon, Guatemala, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).

60. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

⁸⁴ [CBD/COP/16/4/Add.1](#), item 7.

⁸⁵ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/4](#).

⁸⁶ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/5](#).

⁸⁷ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.1](#).

⁸⁸ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.2](#).

⁸⁹ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/2](#), item 7.

⁹⁰ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/6](#).

61. At its 3rd session, on 25 October, Working Group I considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.
62. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, European Union and its member States, Japan, Malawi, Norway, South Africa, Suriname, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
63. Working Group I approved the revised draft decision, except for subparagraph 1 (d), and agreed that a small group, consisting of the representatives of the interested Parties and facilitated by Niklaus Wagner (Switzerland), would attempt to resolve the outstanding issues in that paragraph, in particular with regard to ring-fenced funding.
64. At its 5th session, on 31 October, Working Group I considered a further revised draft decision following discussions in the small group.
65. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).
66. Working Group I approved the further revised draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.8.
67. At its 5th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.8, submitted by the Chair of Working Group I.
68. The representative of the Secretariat introduced oral amendments to the draft decision.
69. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the draft decision, as orally amended, as decision [CP-11/2](#).

Item 8

Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

70. Working Group II considered agenda item 8 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision⁹¹ and a note by the Secretariat on the operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House.⁹²
71. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, European Union and its member States, Gabon, Guatemala, India, Malaysia, Republic of Moldova, South Africa, Tunisia and Uruguay.
72. Working Group II agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration, taking the views that had been expressed into account.
73. At its 6th session, on 25 October, Working Group II considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.
74. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil and European Union and its member States.
75. Working Group II approved the revised draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.2.
76. At its 2nd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.2, submitted by the Chair of Working Group II, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/3](#).

⁹¹ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/2](#), item 8.

⁹² [CBD/CP/MOP/11/7](#).

Item 9**Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives**

77. Working Group II considered agenda item 9 at its 2nd session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives.⁹³

78. Statements were made by representatives of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture.

79. Working Group II took note of the information contained in document CBD/CP/MOP/11/8/Rev.1.

Item 10**Review of effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols**

80. Working Group I considered agenda item 10 at its 3rd session, in conjunction with agenda item 27 of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and agenda item 12 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. It had before it three draft decisions: one on options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols; another on procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings; and a third on a procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups.⁹⁴

81. The Chair established a group of friends of the Chair, facilitated by Joaquín Salzberg (Argentina), with the mandate to discuss and reach agreement on the first two draft decisions.

Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

82. At its 5th session, Working Group I considered a draft decision submitted by the Chair following discussions in the group of friends of the Chair.

83. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, European Union and its member States and United Kingdom.

84. A statement was also made by a representative of the following non-Party: Russian Federation.

85. Working Group I approved the draft decision for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.10.

86. At its 5th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.10, submitted by the Chair of Working Group I, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/5](#).

Procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings

87. At its 5th session, Working Group I considered a draft decision submitted by the Chair following discussions in the group of friends of the Chair.

88. A statement was made by a representative of the following non-Party: Argentina.

89. Working Group I approved the draft decision for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.9.

⁹³ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/8/Rev.1](#).

⁹⁴ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/2](#), item 10.

90. At its 5th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.9, submitted by the Chair of Working Group I, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/4](#).

Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert group

91. With respect to the third draft decision, the Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

92. At its 5th session, Working Group I considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.

93. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union and its member States, Guatemala, Norway and United Republic of Tanzania.

94. Statements were also made by representatives of the following non-Parties: Argentina and Canada.

95. Working Group I approved the draft decision for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.11.

96. At its 5th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.11, submitted by the Chair of Working Group I, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/6](#).

Item 11

Risk assessment and risk management

97. Working Group II considered agenda item 11 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision⁹⁵ and a note by the Secretariat on additional voluntary guidance materials to support case-by-case risk assessments of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives.⁹⁶

98. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, European Union and its member States, India, Kenya, Malawi (on behalf of the African States), New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Rwanda, Suriname, Uganda and Zambia.

99. Working Group II agreed to establish a contact group, chaired by Marja Ruohonen-Lehto (Finland) and Martha Kandawa-Schulz (Namibia), to resolve diverging views on the issue of the development of guidance materials to support case-by-case risk assessments for living modified fish, focusing on paragraphs 7 to 10 and 15 (c) to 15 (f) of and the annex to the draft decision, as well as, if time allowed, to address the brackets remaining in the text.

100. At its 7th session, Working Group II considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair following discussion in the contact group.

101. Working Group II approved the revised draft decision for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.6.

102. At its 3rd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.6, submitted by the Chair of Working Group II, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/7](#).

⁹⁵Ibid., item 11.

⁹⁶[CBD/CP/MOP/11/9](#).

Item 12**Detection and identification of living modified organisms**

103. Working Group II considered agenda item 12 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision.⁹⁷

104. Working Group II agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration, with the support of the Secretariat and through informal consultations with Parties, as necessary.

105. At its 6th session, Working Group II considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.

106. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, European Union and its member States, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Uganda, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

107. At its 7th session, Working Group II resumed its consideration of the revised draft decision.

108. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Colombia, European Union and its member States, India, Rwanda, Togo and Uruguay.

109. Working Group II approved the revised draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.5.

110. At its 3rd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.5, submitted by the Chair of Working Group II, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/8](#).

Item 13**Socioeconomic considerations**

111. Working Group II considered agenda item 13 at its 3rd session, on 23 October. It had before it a draft decision⁹⁸ and a note by the Secretariat on socioeconomic considerations.⁹⁹

112. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: European Union and its member States, India, Malawi, Malaysia, Norway, Republic of Moldova, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).

113. Working Group II agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration, with the support of the Secretariat.

114. At its 6th session, Working Group II considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.

115. Working Group II approved the revised draft decision for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.3.

116. At its 2nd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.3, submitted by the Chair of Working Group II, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/9](#).

⁹⁷ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/2](#), item 12.

⁹⁸ Ibid., item 13.

⁹⁹ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/10](#).

Item 14**Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress**

117. Working Group II considered agenda item 14 at its 3rd session. It had before it a draft decision¹⁰⁰ and a note by the Secretariat on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.¹⁰¹

118. Statements were made by the following Parties: Central African Republic, European Union and its member States, India, Malawi (on behalf of the African States), Republic of Moldova and Uganda.

119. Working Group II agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision, with the support of the Secretariat, for consideration at a later session.

120. At its 6th session, Working Group II considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.

121. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: European Union and its member States, Japan and New Zealand.

122. Working Group II approved the revised draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.4.

123. At its 2nd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered draft decision CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.4, submitted by the Chair of Working Group II, and adopted it as decision [CP-11/10](#).

Item 15**Other matters**

124. Agenda item 15 was considered at the 9th plenary session, on 28 February 2025. No other matters were raised.

Item 16**Adoption of the report**

125. At its 9th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol considered the draft report of the meeting presented by the Rapporteur¹⁰² and adopted it on the understanding that the Rapporteur would be entrusted with its finalization.

Item 17**Closure of the meeting**

126. At the 5th plenary session, a roll call was held pursuant to a request from a representative of Panama to verify the number of Parties present and determine whether decisions could still be taken in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure. As a quorum was not met, the President proposed to suspend the meeting.

127. The President subsequently suspended the meeting at 8.30 a.m. on 2 November 2024.

Second resumed meeting

128. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the second resumed meeting was declared closed at 1.40 a.m. on 28 February 2025.

¹⁰⁰ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/2](#), item 14.

¹⁰¹ [CBD/CP/MOP/11/11](#).

¹⁰² [CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.1/Rev.1](#).