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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Eleventh meeting

Cali, Colombia, 21 October–1 November 2024

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda

Introduction

1. Following the invitation of the Government of Colombia, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024, concurrently with the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention 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. A high-level opening ceremony will be held on 20 October.
2. The meetings will be preceded by the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to be held from 16 to 18 October.
3. Preparatory meetings of regional groups may be held on 20 October.
4. The Secretariat will prepare a compilation of the draft decisions proposed by the subsidiary bodies or developed in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations.¹

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

5. The opening of the meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on 21 October, jointly with the opening of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
6. The meeting will be opened by the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative. At the opening session, participants will hear a welcoming address by representatives of the presidency and of the host country.
7. The Executive Secretary will address the participants and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

* CBD/CP/MOP/11/1.

¹ CBD/CP/MOP/11/2.

8. Representatives of regional groups, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as of a limited number of other groups, may also make statements.

Item 2

Organizational matters

Election of the President

9. At the opening session, the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Huang Runqiu, or his representative, will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the sixteenth meeting. The term of office of the President of the sixteenth meeting will begin immediately following the election and end with the election of a successor at the seventeenth meeting. The President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will also serve 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

10. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention also serves as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. In accordance with Article 29, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties representing a Party to the Convention that is not a Party to the Protocol is to be substituted by a member to be elected by and from among the Parties to the Protocol.
11. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected 10 members of the Bureau for a term of office commencing upon the closure of the fifteenth meeting and ending at the closure of the sixteenth meeting. 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 comprises the following members, in addition to the President:

Khangeziwe Mabuza (Eswatini)²
 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. At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will elect Bureau members whose terms of office will commence upon the closure of the meeting, in accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure. In the event that one or more Bureau members are elected from Parties to the Convention that are not Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, substitute members will be elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

13. Pursuant to rules 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure and in consultation with the Bureau, the Secretariat has prepared a provisional agenda³ for consideration by the Conference of the Parties

² In replacement of Hlobisile Sikhosana (Eswatini), who had been elected by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at the resumed second part of its fifteenth meeting.

³ CBD/CP/MOP/11/1.

serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. The provisional agenda reflects issues arising from previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

14. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to adopt the agenda of the present meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda.

15. In paragraph 1 of decision [BS-VII/9](#), and as also reflected in paragraph 3 of decision [XII/27](#) and paragraph 1 of decision [NP-1/12](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to hold its ordinary meetings concurrently with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol within a two-week period.

16. Accordingly, the proposed organization of work of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 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 is set out in a document common to all three meetings.⁴ The document also includes a division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups. The organization of work has been prepared taking into account the experience gained since 2016 with the concurrent convening of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider and adopt the proposed organization of work.

17. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in the annex.

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

18. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or the representative of the Executive Secretary. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

19. Rule 19 provides that the Bureau of any meeting is to examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision. The rules of procedure apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

20. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements under rule 18, the Acting Executive Secretary issued a notification⁵ that included information on requirements for credentials and a link to sample formats for appropriate credentials. Following previous practice, representatives of Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol may submit a single set of credentials for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, 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.

21. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol may wish to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

⁴ CBD/COP/16/1/Add.2-CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.2-CBD/NP/MOP/5/1/Add.2.

⁵ Notification No. 2024-038 of 26 April 2024.

Item 4

Reports of subsidiary bodies

22. Paragraph 1 of Article 30 of the Cartagena Protocol provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may, upon a decision by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, serve the Protocol, in which case the meeting of the Parties shall specify which functions that body shall exercise.

23. The President will inform the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol of the results of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period and of the corresponding reports, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therefrom will be considered under the appropriate agenda item. The reports include the following:

(a) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-sixth meeting;⁶

(b) Reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its fourth and fifth meetings.⁷

Item 5

Report of the Compliance Committee

24. The Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol is required to report and submit its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

25. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the report, including any recommendations therein, of the Compliance Committee⁸ and to take appropriate action. It is expected that the recommendations of the Committee will be considered under the agenda item to which they most closely pertain, as indicated in the report. The recommendations have also been included under the appropriate agenda items in the compilation of draft decisions.

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will also be invited to elect members to the Compliance Committee. A notification providing further information on the matter will be issued before the present meeting.

Item 6

Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds

27. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, at their fifteenth, tenth and fourth meetings, respectively, adopted an integrated budget for the 2023–2024 biennium and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for an integrated budget for the 2025–2026 biennium.

28. Accordingly, and further to decisions 15/34 and CP-10/14, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will have before it notes by the Secretariat on: (a) the administration of the Convention and its Protocols, including the respective trust funds;⁹ and (b) the proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026,¹⁰ including each of the trust funds. Further information on the requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved

⁶ CBD/SBSTTA/26/9.

⁷ CBD/SBI/4/17 and CBD/SBI/5/4, respectively.

⁸ CBD/CP/MOP/11/3.

⁹ CBD/CP/MOP/11/4.

¹⁰ CBD/CP/MOP/11/5.

activities, including a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions, and a report on the functional review of the Secretariat will also be provided.¹¹

29. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to adopt an integrated budget, including the budget for the trust fund for the Protocol, on the basis of the proposals of the Secretariat. Elements of a draft decision are provided in the compilation of draft decisions.

Item 7

Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources

30. In its decision [CP-10/6](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol requested the Executive Secretary to analyse the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for the implementation of the Protocol in the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, while considering the relevance and process of creating a stand-alone window for biosafety, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its eleventh meeting.

31. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will have before it a note by the Secretariat,¹² which will include elements of a draft decision. In addition, a note by the Secretariat concerning the financial mechanism and the provision of guidance to GEF,¹³ the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism¹⁴ and the report of the GEF Council for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,¹⁵ as well as recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, will also be relevant to the deliberations.

32. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider those documents and adopt a decision on agenda item 7 on the basis of elements of a draft decision included in the compilation of draft decisions. It may also wish to include in its decision a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on guidance for GEF, as appropriate.

Item 8

Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

33. In decision [CP-10/5](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol welcomed the completion of the migration of the Biosafety Clearing-House. It requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a number of tasks related to the Clearing-House, including continuing to maintain the platform, translating further pages of the Clearing-House to ensure its availability in the six official languages of the United Nations, developing capacity-building materials and conducting training activities on the new platform, continuing collaboration with other biosafety-related databases and organizations and exploring how the Bioland tool could be used to facilitate the linkage between national websites and the Clearing-House, and other mechanisms that allowed national clearing-houses to retrieve information from the Biosafety Clearing-House.

34. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider a report by the Secretariat on the activities undertaken on the Biosafety Clearing-House during the intersessional period¹⁶ and to adopt a decision on the matter on the basis of a draft decision included in the compilation of draft decisions.

¹¹ CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.1 and CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.2, respectively.

¹² CBD/CP/MOP/11/6.

¹³ CBD/COP/16/6.

¹⁴ CBD/COP/16/7.

¹⁵ CBD/COP/16/8.

¹⁶ CBD/CP/MOP/11/7.

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

35. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will have before it a note by the Secretariat¹⁷ containing an update on cooperative activities with other international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives relevant to the implementation of the Protocol.

36. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to take note of the report.

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

37. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol reviewed experiences in conducting concurrent and online meetings. It also considered other areas where possible improvements in the effectiveness of processes could be made.

38. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol adopted decision [CP-10/8](#), in which it requested the Executive Secretary, among other things, to prepare options for procedures for conducting hybrid meetings, and under extraordinary circumstances, fully online meetings, on the basis of experience gathered from Parties, relevant stakeholders and studies. The Executive Secretary was also requested to prepare an analysis of options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Protocol, including negotiating processes, to better follow up on previous decisions and to explore modalities for the engagement of observers in processes under the Protocol. The options prepared regarding hybrid and online meetings and the analysis of options made in relation to the other areas of improvement were submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for consideration at its fourth meeting.

39. The Conference of the Parties serving as a meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider agenda item 10 on the basis of the draft decision contained in recommendation 4/12 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions. Agenda item 10 will be considered in conjunction with the corresponding item on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention

Item 11**Risk assessment and risk management**

40. In its decision [CP-10/10](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol agreed to develop additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment to carry out that task. It also specified in the terms of reference of the Expert Group that the materials should have a specific focus on engineered gene drive mosquitoes, taking into account the current experience with the organism, the type of gene drive and specific issues of risk assessment, as identified in annex I to decision CP-9/13, including existing reports, general considerations of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and existing national and regional risk assessment experiences.

41. In the same decision, Parties were invited to submit 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. To support those processes, actions taken included calls for submissions of information, convening the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management and meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical

¹⁷ CBD/CP/MOP/11/8.

Expert Group. The outcomes were submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration at its twenty-sixth meeting.

42. The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation 26/5 on the matter, which included a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

43. Furthermore, in its recommendation 26/4 on synthetic biology, the Subsidiary Body also adopted a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

44. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the draft decisions contained in recommendations 26/5 and 26/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, as well as the additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives.¹⁸

Item 12

Detection and identification of living modified organisms

45. In its decision [CP-10/11](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol welcomed the publication of *Biosafety Technical Series 05: Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*. In the same decision, it invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit information on their experience with new detection techniques, detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms and developing reference materials, as well as ongoing collaborations involving national and regional laboratories. Also in the same decision, it requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the information submitted by Parties and relevant organizations and prepare a recommendation regarding the need to update the aforementioned training manual for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its eleventh meeting.

46. In decision CP-10/11, the Executive Secretary was requested to continue the work mandated in decision CP-9/11, such as convening online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. Online discussions of the Network of Laboratories were undertaken to complement the submissions, and information was provided to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting.

47. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision contained in recommendation 26/6 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

Item 13

Socioeconomic considerations

48. In its decision [CP-10/12](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol invited submissions to the Executive Secretary on experiences in the use of the voluntary guidance on the assessment of socioeconomic considerations in the context of Article 26 of the Protocol,¹⁹ as well as examples of methodologies and applications of socioeconomic considerations in the light of the elements of the voluntary guidance. In the same decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to contact Parties on the basis of the answers provided in their fourth national reports, inviting them to share information on their experiences, as relevant to Article 26 of the Protocol. The Executive Secretary was requested to compile the information thus gathered and to submit the overview for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the

¹⁸ CBD/CP/MOP/11/9.

¹⁹ CBD/CP/MOP/9/10, annex.

meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its eleventh meeting, with a view to determining the need for further work.

49. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a compilation and overview of the information received and a draft decision.²⁰

50. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision prepared by the Secretariat, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

Item 14

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

51. In its decision [CP-10/13](#), 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 on Liability and Redress requested Parties to the Supplementary Protocol and invited other Governments to submit information to the Executive Secretary on the measures that they had in place to provide for financial security for damage from living modified organisms.

52. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a compilation of the information received and an update on the status of the Supplementary Protocol.²¹ It will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the note, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

Item 15

Other matters

53. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with the rules of procedure.

Item 16

Adoption of the report

54. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider and adopt the report on its eleventh meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

55. In accordance with established practice, the Parties will be invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and the assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 17

Closure of the meeting

56. It is expected that the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be closed on 1 November, at approximately 6 p.m.

²⁰ CBD/CP/MOP/11/10.

²¹ CBD/CP/MOP/11/11.

Annex**List of documents**

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