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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
Agenda item 16
Adoption of the report

Draft report of the meeting

I. Introduction

A. Background

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 was 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 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.
2. The 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.

B. Attendance

3. [to be completed]

II. Proceedings

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.
5. The President of the three bodies declared the meetings open at 9.30 a.m. and delivered his opening remarks.

6. Opening statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker, and the incoming President.¹

Item 2

Organizational matters

7. 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,² an annotated provisional agenda³ and a proposed organization of work.⁴ 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 2.⁵

Election of the President

8. 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, María Susana Muhamad González, who had been elected President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 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

9. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which applied mutatis mutandis to meetings of the Parties to the Protocol, 10 members of the Bureau were elected 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 comprised the following members, in addition to the President:

Khangeziwe Mabuza (Eswatini)⁶
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)

10. At its 1st plenary session, 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.

¹ See CBD/COP/16/xx, paras. 5–10, for a summary of the opening remarks and statements.

² CBD/CP/MOP/11/1.

³ CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.1.

⁴ CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.2.

⁵ CBD/CP/MOP/5/INF/4.

⁶ Replacing 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.

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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. Accordingly, it 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).

First stocktake session

14. The 2nd plenary session of the meeting, 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.

15. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific island States Parties to the Protocol represented at the meeting) and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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

Second stocktake session

17. The 3rd plenary session of the meeting 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.

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

Work of sessional working groups

19. [to be completed]

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

20. 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 meeting⁷ 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.

21. Accordingly, 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.

22. 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.

23. At the 4th plenary session, the President reported that the report on credentials had been issued as information document CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/6. In addition, 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.

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

⁷ CBD/CP/MOP/11/INF/5.

Item 4

Reports of subsidiary bodies

25. 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 report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-sixth meeting⁸ and the reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its fourth and fifth meetings.⁹
26. 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.
27. 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).
28. 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

29. 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 decision (CBD/CP/MOP/2, item 5) and the report of the Compliance Committee on the work of its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings.¹⁰
30. The Chair of the Compliance Committee presented the Committee's report.
31. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, European Union and its member States, New Zealand and Norway.
32. In accordance with the organization of work, substantive matters arising from the report were referred to Working Group II for consideration.
33. Pursuant to notification No. 2024-092, issued by the Secretariat on 12 September 2022, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol had extended the term of the five members of the Committee listed in table A of the annex to the notification for two more years. It also agreed that 10 new members, 2 from each region, would be elected later in the meeting to replace the 10 members listed in table B of the annex to the notification, whose terms would end on 31 December 2024.
34. At the 4th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol elected the following as the new members of the Compliance Committee:
 - Rigobert Ntep (Cameroon)
 - Dorington O. Ogoyi (Kenya)
 - Yousef Saleh al-Hafedh (Saudi Arabia)
 - Yan Liu (China)
 - Hana Jiráková (Czechia)
 - Klodiana Marika (Albania)
 - Alejandra Ferenzi (Uruguay)

⁸ CBD/SBSTTA/26/9.

⁹ CBD/SBI/4/17 and CBD/SBI/5/4, respectively.

¹⁰ CBD/CP/MOP/11/3.

Daniel Lewis (Grenada)
Andreas Heissenberger (Austria)
Casper Linnestad (Norway)

35. [to be completed]

Item 6

Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds

36. 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 decision (see CBD/COP/16/4/Add.1, item 7) and notes by the Secretariat on: the administration of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2023–2024,¹¹ the proposed budget for the programmes of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026,¹² requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities¹³ and the functional review of the Secretariat.¹⁴

37. 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.

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

39. In addition, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, serving also as the meetings of the Parties to its Protocols, established a group of friends of the President, facilitated by Mr. Gbedemah, to address the matters discussed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in relation to the process for the appointment of future executive secretaries.

40. [to be completed]

Item 8

Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

41. [to be completed from the Working Group II report]

42. At its 2nd plenary, 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/xx.

Item 13

Socioeconomic considerations

1. [to be completed from the Working Group II report]

2. At its 2nd plenary, 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/xx.

¹¹ CBD/CP/MOP/11/4.

¹² CBD/CP/MOP/11/5.

¹³ CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.1.

¹⁴ CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.2.

Item 14

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

1. [to be completed from the Working Group II report]
2. At its 2nd plenary, 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/xx.

Item 15

Other matters

3. [to be completed]

Item 16

Adoption of the report

4. [to be completed]

Item 17

Closure of the meeting

5. [to be completed]
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