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Item 8 of the provisional agenda[[1]](#footnote-1)\*

Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols

Compilation of views from Parties and stakeholders on virtual and hybrid meetings, including relevant experience[[2]](#footnote-2)\*\*

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. As requested in paragraph 8 of decisions 15/18, CP-10/8 and NP-4/9, adopted by 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, respectively, the Executive Secretary is circulating herewith, for the information of participants in the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, a compilation of views submitted to the Secretariat in response to notification No. 2023-027 of 13 March 2023 regarding participation in, or conducting virtual and hybrid meetings during 2021 and 2022.
2. Submissions were received from the following Parties: Brazil, Canada, Cote d’Ivoire, European Union, Guinea Bissau, Japan, Kuwait, Mauritius, New Zealand, Nigeria, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Submissions were also received from the following organizations: G-BIKE, Local and Subnational Governments Major Group (LSNG), and Third World Network.
3. Pursuant to the decisions referred to in paragraph 1 above, this document also provides information regarding the experience of some Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) on the conduct of hybrid and virtual meetings, namely: The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the Convention on Wetlands (RAMSAR). The Secretariat was also given access by UNEP to its internal study on virtual meetings prepared, with the participation of MEAs, in 2020 and revised in April 2021.
4. The information compiled in this document is structured as follows:[[3]](#footnote-3) section A contains the submissions from Parties; section B comprises the submissions from organizations; and section C sets out the experience of relevant MEAs.

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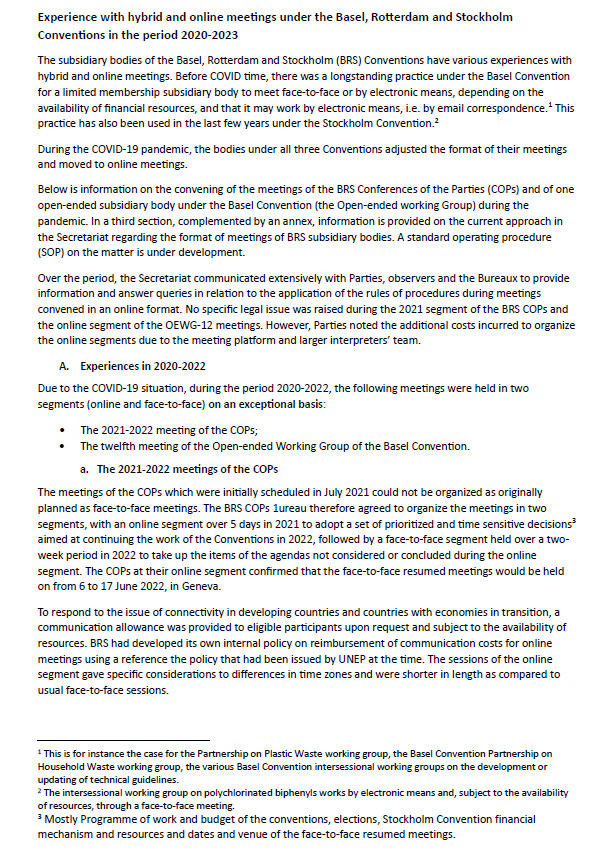
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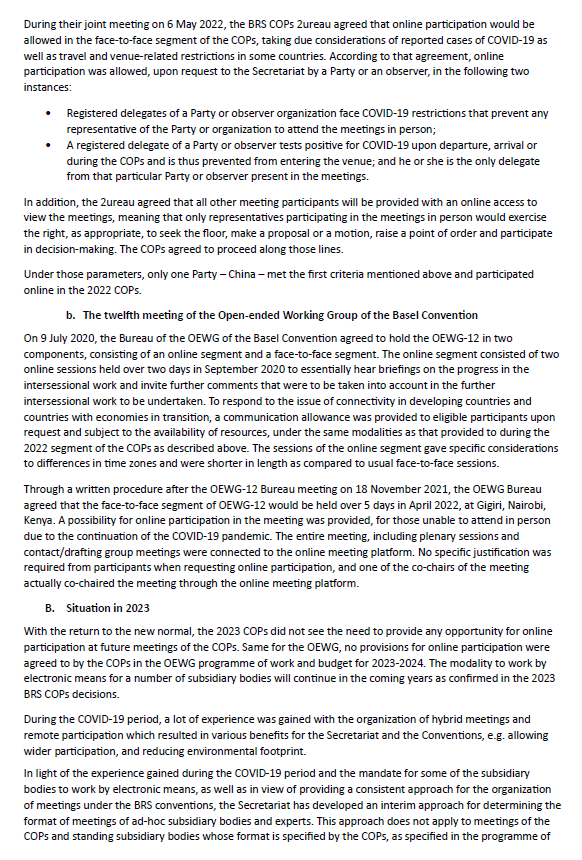
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1. \* CBD/SBI/4/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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