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**Conference of the Parties to the Convention on
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Agenda item 9

**Matters related to the financial mechanism
and resources**

Working Group II

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Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,
Recalling Article 28 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,¹*

Having considered the information on biosafety in the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,^{2,3}

1. *Welcomes* the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and its programming directions and the support thereby made available to Parties for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and expresses its appreciation to the countries that contributed to the replenishment;
2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Global Environment Facility to enhance the financial mechanism with respect to biosafety;
3. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity give full consideration to the Cartagena Protocol in the terms of reference to be adopted for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism under the Convention, including by identifying barriers that Parties face in their access to and use of financial resources for biosafety and measures that can address them and by taking into account relevant outcomes of the fifth assessment and review of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol;
4. *Invites* Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to contribute to and participate in the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;
5. *Urges* eligible Parties to use the resources allocated to biosafety activities by the Global Environment Facility through its System for Transparent Allocation of Resources and to integrate

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

² *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

³ [CBD/COP/17/5/Add.1](#).

biosafety into their biodiversity projects, in accordance with nationally identified needs and priorities;

6. *Invites* relevant organizations, including the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres, to continue to provide support to Parties in the development of biosafety project proposals;

7. *Encourages* eligible Parties:

(a) To include needs and provisions for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in their national biodiversity finance plans;

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

(c) To integrate biosafety elements within the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities related to the use of Global Environment Facility resources for biodiversity for the period from July 2030 to June 2034, including, in relation to the implementation of national biosafety frameworks, needs related to capacity-building and development, and access to and transfer of technology and know-how, in accordance with Article 22 of the Protocol;

8. *Recommends* that, in adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with respect to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention request the Facility:

(a) To make specific, adequate and timely funding available to eligible Parties for putting in place legal, administrative and other measures for implementing the Cartagena Protocol, including the long-term strengthening of national implementation capacities;

(b) To continue to provide support for the effective use of the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(c) To assist eligible Parties by providing them, sufficiently in advance of the reporting deadline, with financial support to hold adequate national consultations, thus giving them enough time to prepare their sixth national reports and submit them in a timely manner;

(d) To make specific, adequate and timely funding available to eligible Parties to implement compliance action plans developed at the request of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol;

(e) To continue to support capacity-building and development on biosafety, as part of country-driven projects, including during the ninth replenishment period of its Trust Fund (July 2026–June 2030) and through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, according to the mandates of the respective Funds, and to establish direct, adequate, predictable and dedicated funding channels for biosafety to ensure that implementation needs are fully met;

(f) To continue to explore ways to simplify the process for submitting biosafety project proposals, including, where possible, by making adjustments to the associated criteria, requirements and timelines;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to explore other means for mobilizing additional financial resources for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and report on that work at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.