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LIAISON GROUP ON THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Fourteenth meeting
Online, 20-23 April 2020

REVISED ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision [CP-9/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to expand the mandate and scope of the Liaison Group on Capacity Building for Biosafety and rename it “Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”. As outlined in the terms of reference contained in the annex to the decision, the Liaison Group is to provide the Executive Secretary with expert advice on: (a) ways and means to enhance the coordination and effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; and (b) overall strategic approaches as well as conceptual and practical operational measures for enhancing coordination of activities under the Protocol, including capacity-building initiatives, among others.
2. In its decision [CP-9/6](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol requested the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol to contribute to the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan. The Liaison Group, at its present meeting, is expected to develop its input to this process.
3. The Liaison Group is furthermore expected to consider the revised draft implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol and capacity-building action plan (2021-2030), which have been developed pursuant to decisions CP-9/7 and [CP-9/3](#).
4. Accordingly, the fourteenth meeting of the Liaison Group will be held from 20 to 23 April 2020.
5. In view of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the meeting will be held through a combination of live virtual sessions and online forum discussions, as outlined in annex I.¹

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened by the co-chair of the Liaison Group, Ms. Rita Andorko, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (GMT -4), on Monday, 20 April 2020.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

7. The Liaison Group will be invited to elect a co-chair from among the members participating in the meeting to replace Ms. Georgina Catacora-Vargas (Bolivia), who is no longer available to serve as a member of the Liaison Group.

¹ The live virtual discussions will be hosted on GoToWebinar. Information will be sent to the members by e-mail prior to the meeting. The online discussions will take place on the BCH at: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/post2020/LG_Forum.shtml.

8. The Liaison Group will also be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/1) and to adopt its organization of work on the basis of annex I below.

**ITEM 3. INPUT TO THE FOURTH ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL AND FINAL EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC
PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2020**

9. Article 35 of the Protocol requires that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol undertake a periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol.

10. In its decision CP-9/6, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol decided that the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol would be combined with the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020 and requested the Liaison Group and the Compliance Committee, working in a complementary and non-duplicative manner, to contribute to this process and to submit their conclusions for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting.

11. The document prepared by the Secretariat under this agenda item (CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/2) provides a summary of progress made towards achieving the operational objectives of the Strategic Plan on the basis of information from the fourth national reports as a primary source, the Biosafety Clearing-House, and experience from capacity-building projects. The document does not address operational objective 3.1, related to compliance, which will be considered by the Compliance Committee at its seventeenth meeting.²

12. An analysis and synthesis of information on the implementation of the Protocol will be made available as CBD/SBI/3/3/Add.1. This document provides a full analysis of the status and trends in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on the basis of a review of progress towards achieving the operational objectives of the Strategic Plan.

**ITEM 4. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL
BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK AND RELATED PROCESSES**

13. Pursuant to decision CP-9/7, the Liaison Group at its thirteenth meeting developed draft text for a target, subtargets and indicators for the draft biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Following the meeting, the text was transmitted to the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to facilitate its inclusion in the zero-draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was submitted for consideration by the Open-Ended Working Group at its second meeting ([CBD/WG2020/2/3](#); see also the preliminary draft monitoring framework (including indicators) for the goals and targets in the zero draft ([CBD/WG2020/2/3/Add.1](#))).

14. Also at its thirteenth meeting, the Liaison Group considered information provided by the Secretariat on the initial developments of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020.

15. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide a brief update on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, including relevant outcomes of the second meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group and the Thematic Consultation on Capacity-Building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, at which draft elements of the long-term strategic framework were discussed.

² A summary of progress made on operational objective 3.1 is provided in document CBD/CP/CC/17/3.

ITEM 5. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL AND ACTION PLAN FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING (2021-2030)

16. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to develop an implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol and an action plan for capacity-building.

17. At its thirteenth meeting, the Liaison Group reviewed the draft implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol and the capacity-building action plan (2021-2030), which had been developed through a consultative process involving the submission of views by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations and an online discussion on the draft implementation plan.

18. The Liaison Group at its thirteenth meeting suggested that, following the review of the draft plans, the revised draft plans should be issued for the Group's fourteenth meeting, with a view to taking into account information from the fourth national reports on the implementation of the Protocol and from the assessment and review of the Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

19. To facilitate the discussion under this agenda item, document CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/3 contains the revised draft implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol and capacity-building action plan (2021-2030).

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

20. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider any other matters of relevance.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

21. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to adopt the report on the meeting.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

22. The meeting is expected to close at 12 noon on Thursday, 23 April 2020.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

<i>Date/time (GMT-4)</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Format (platform)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Monday, 20 April 2020			
8 to 8.30 am	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	
8.30 to 11.30 am	Item 3. Input to the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Introduction by the Secretariat; Initial discussion
11.30 am – 12 noon	Item 4. Update on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and related processes	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Update by the Secretariat; Discussion
12 noon – 6 am	<i>Item 3 continued</i>	Online discussions (http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/post2020/LG_Forum.shtml)	Online Portal discussion on: 1) progress reported as summarized in Section II of the document; 2) possible conclusions and advice on suggested actions
Tuesday, 21 April 2020			
8 am – 12 noon	Item 5. Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol and Action Plan for Capacity-Building (2021-2030)	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Introduction by the Secretariat; Discussion
Wednesday, 22 April 2020			
8 am - 11.30 am	<i>Item 3 continued</i>	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Discussion
	<i>Item 5 continued</i>	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Discussion

11.30 am – 12 noon	Item 6. Other matters	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Discussion
Thursday, 23 April 2020			
8 am – 12 noon	Item 7. Adoption of the report	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	Discussion
	Item 8. Closure of the meeting	Online meeting (<i>GoToWebinar</i>)	

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Revised annotated provisional agenda
CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/2	Fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020: overview for the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CBD/CP/LG/2020/1/3	Draft revised implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol and capacity-building action plan (2021-2030)
CBD/SBI/3/3/Add.1	Analysis of information for the assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and final Evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020
