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Agenda item 10

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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

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the work of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House, including the recommendations made at its thirteenth meeting¹ and the support provided by the Committee for the development of the customized biosafety national website template using the Bioland tool;

2. *Welcomes* progress towards Goal A.2 of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,^{2,3} in particular the increase in Parties publishing mandatory information through the Biosafety Clearing-House, and the ongoing efforts made by Parties to maintain accurate and complete information in the Biosafety Clearing-House;

3. *Encourages* Parties to continue to review their national records systematically, with a view to ensuring that the information made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House is accurate, up to date and complete, that supporting documents and links remain accessible and that discrepancies with corresponding information in the national reports are identified and addressed, as appropriate;

4. *Recognizes* the need for continued capacity-building support for Parties in relation to the Biosafety Clearing-House, including developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition;

5. *Reminds* Parties of their obligation to publish the final decisions taken regarding the import or release of living modified organisms and corresponding summaries of risk assessments through the Biosafety Clearing-House, in compliance with Article 20 of the Cartagena Protocol;

6. *Invites* Parties to review the biosafety experts national records published through the Biosafety Clearing-House and associated with each Party, with a view to ensuring that the list of experts is up to date, outdated records are removed and all relevant experts are included;

¹ [CBD/CP/BCH-IAC/13/3/Rev.1](#), annex I.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

³ Decision [10/3](#), annex.

7. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to make available relevant scientific information with sufficient technical detail to support the timely review, validation and publication of reference records and, as appropriate, to submit that information through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to maintain the Biosafety Clearing-House and to make any necessary improvements to it, subject to the availability of resources, including those recommended by the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House at its thirteenth meeting;⁴

(b) To continue to translate pages of the Biosafety Clearing-House, including new features and content as they are developed, to ensure the availability of the platform in the six official languages of the United Nations;

(c) To continue to update and publish reference records in the Biosafety Clearing-House and to support Parties in updating the biosafety experts national records referred to in paragraph 6 above;

(d) To provide practical training and technical support to Parties, at their request, for the ongoing maintenance of national records in the Biosafety Clearing-House, including support for users with limited Internet connectivity, taking into account paragraph 1 (b) of Article 20 of the Protocol;

(e) To make the new customized biosafety national website template available to all Parties wishing to develop a national biosafety website, support Parties using the Hermes national website tool in transitioning to the new template and provide capacity-building materials and training on the use and maintenance of the new template, ensuring that the materials are available in the six official languages of the United Nations;

(f) To facilitate linkages with biosafety-related databases, including national systems, through the use of the existing application programming interface and the embed tool;

(g) To continue to collaborate with other biosafety-related databases and organizations, which a view to improving the exchange of relevant scientific and technical information;

(h) To allocate adequate resources, both human and financial, for the ongoing development of the Biosafety Clearing-House, including the timely roll-out of the customized biosafety national website template.

⁴ See [CBD/CP/BCH-IAC/13/3/Rev.1](#).