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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
Twelfth meeting
Yerevan, 19–30 October 2026
Agenda item 12
Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols

Options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,

Recalling its decision CP-11/5 of 1 November 2024,

Recognizing the need to ensure the inclusiveness, transparency and equity of the processes of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety[1] while pursuing efficiencies and, where appropriate, the integration of processes with the Convention on Biological Diversity[2] and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization,[3]

Reaffirming the important role of technology in supporting the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings, without prejudice to decision-making by consensus,

1. *Takes note* of decision 17/-- of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made with the decision-tracking tool developed further to decision XII/28 of 17 October 2014 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as described in document CBD/SBI/6/INF/11;

3. *Decides* that the decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety should be included in the decision-tracking tool;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps in that regard, beginning with decisions of its tenth and eleventh meetings;

5. *Recalls* its decision BS-VII/9 of 3 October 2014, by which it decided to hold its ordinary meetings concurrently with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in the same two-week period in which the meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention were held;

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.
[2] Ibid., vol. 1760, No. 30619.
[3] Ibid., vol. 3008, No. 30619.

6. *Reiterates* its call upon developed country Parties, and invites other Parties in a position to do so, to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust fund to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition in the concurrent meetings, and to increase their contribution to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities;

7. *Notes* that chairs of groups considering matters under the Cartagena Protocol are to be selected from among the Parties to the Protocol;

8. *Endorses* the establishment by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention of an informal advisory group as a Party-driven process to further improve the effectiveness of the processes and meetings under the Convention and its Protocols in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to decision 17/-- of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.