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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* the information shared on experiences in the use of the guidance on the assessment of socioeconomic considerations in the context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,[1,2] while recognizing that limited information was submitted;

2. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to continue to share, through the Biosafety Clearing-House and the sixth national reports, experiences of taking socioeconomic considerations into account, including the use of the voluntary guidance, the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, challenges and good practices;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare an overview of the information shared pursuant to paragraph 2 above to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol for its fourteenth meeting;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary,

subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate regional capacity-building, experience-sharing and awareness-raising activities on taking socioeconomic considerations and the use of the voluntary guidance into account in decision-making in accordance with Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol.

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.
[2] CBD/CP/MOP/9/10, annex.