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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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25-27 November 2020 (resumed session)

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE
PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY ON ITS FIRST
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

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I. DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AT ITS FIRST EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

CP-EM-1/1. Interim budget for the programme of work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the year 2021

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

Recalling its decision 9/16, in which it approved the budget for the biennium 2019-2020,

Considering that the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol has been postponed until 2021 due to constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic,

Noting the need, therefore, to make arrangements to allow the continued functioning of the organs of the Protocol, including its Secretariat and the meetings of its Parties and its subsidiary bodies,

Taking note of the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2021 through agreed modalities,

Taking note of the note by the Executive Secretary,¹

Recognizing the exceptional nature of the circumstances arising from the pandemic and expressing solidarity among all Parties as they face its human and economic impacts,

1. *Confirms* that the present decision is supplementary to decision 9/16, which remains in effect until the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and whose provisions will apply also for the year 2021, unless otherwise provided for in the present decision;

2. *Decides* to extend, up to 31 December 2021, or, in the case that the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol is not held during 2021, until the end of the month following the closure of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the validity of the funds allocated in the 2019-2020 budget and associated with the costs of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and its subsidiary bodies that are postponed from the biennium 2019-2020; and authorizes the carry-over of these funds, estimated at 570,740 United States dollars, to be spent in 2021 for the purposes listed in table 1 below;

3. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, an interim core programme budget for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety of 2,515,894 United States dollars for the year 2021, representing 15 per cent of the integrated interim budget of 16,772,626 United States dollars for the year 2021, for the purposes listed in tables 2a and 2b below;

4. *Adopts* the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2021, in accordance with the current scale of assessments of the United Nations, as contained in table 4 below;

5. *Decides* to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, paragraphs 4 and 5 and paragraphs 7 to 18 of the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its second extraordinary meeting.

¹ CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/2.

Table 1
Integrated budget for the trust funds of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols
for 2019-2020

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Total approved budget</i>	<i>Total estimated expenditure (1 January 2019-31 December 2020)</i>	<i>Estimated Carry-over</i>	<i>Variance</i>
A. Staff costs	23,080.5	20,100.0		2,980.5
B. Bureau meetings	365.0	200.0	165.0	
C. Travel on official business	800.0	559.6		240.4
D. Consultants/subcontractors	100.0	100.0		
E. Public awareness material/communications	100.0	100.0		
F. Temporary assistance/overtime	200.0	200.0		
G. Training	10.0	10.0		
H. Translation of CHM website/website projects	130.0	130.0		
I. Meetings ¹	3,688.0	845.8	2,842.2	
J. Expert meetings	320.0	83.7	150.0	86.3
K. Extraordinary meetings on post-2020 ²	1,310.0	1,100.0	210.0	
L. Rent and associated costs	2,652.9	2,652.9		
M. General operating expenses	1,453.2	1,453.2		
Sub-total (I)	34,209.6	27,532.2	3,367.2	3,307.2
II. Programme support costs (13%)	4,447.2	3,579.6	437.7	429.9
Sub-Total (I + II)	38,656.8	31,114.8	3,804.9	3,737.1
III. Working Capital Reserve	187.3	187.3		
Grand-Total (I + II + III)	38,844.1	31,302.1	3,804.9	3,737.1
Cartagena Protocol share (15%)			570.74	

¹ Meetings to be funded from carry-over

- Twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
- Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
- Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention / Tenth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol / Fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, held concurrently
- Special virtual sessions for SBSTTA 24 and SBI-3 (September 2020)
- Two-day informal virtual pre-session meeting
- 6-day virtual pre-session meeting for SBSTTA-24
- 6-day virtual pre-session meeting for SBI-3
- And any additional pre-session meetings for SBSTTA and SBI that might be decided

² One extraordinary meeting on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be funded from the carry-over in line K

Table 2a**Integrated interim budget for the trust funds of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for 2021**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2021 (Thousands of United States dollars)</i>
A. Staff costs	11 936.80
B. Bureau meetings	0.00
C. Travel on official business	275.00
D. Consultants/subcontractors	50.00
E. Public awareness material/communications	50.00
F. Temporary assistance/overtime	100.00
G. Training	5.00
H. Translation of CHM website/website projects	65.00
I. Meetings ¹	271.80
J. Expert meetings	0.00
K. Extraordinary meetings on post-2020 ²	350.00
L. Rent and associated costs	1 358.20
M. General operating expenses	726.60
Sub-total (I)	15 188.40
II. Programme support costs (13%)	1 974.49
Sub-total (I + II)	17 162.89
III. Working Capital Reserve	-390.27
Grand Total (II + III)	16 772.63
Cartagena Protocol share of the interim budget (15%)	2 515.9
Less: Contribution from host country	(230.22)
Less: Use of reserves for extraordinary meetings	(59.33)
Net total (amount to be shared by Parties)	2 226.35

1 Meetings to be funded from the interim budget for 2021 in complement to the carry-over as per table 1 above

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2 One extraordinary meeting on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Table 2b
Resource requirements by Division from the integrated core budgets for the year 2021
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>2021</i>
I. Programmes:	
Office of the Executive Secretary	2 404.4
ABS and BS Protocols	2 283.4
Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division	3 316.75
Implementation Support Division	4 262.15
II. Administration Finance and Conference Services	2 921.7
Subtotal	15 188.40
Programme support costs	1 974.49
III. Working capital reserve	(390.27)
Total	16 772.63
Cartagena Protocol share of the integrated budget (15%)	2 515.9
Less: contribution from host country	(230.22)
Less: Use of reserve for Extraordinary meeting	(59.33)
Net amount to be shared by Parties	2 226.35

Table 3
Secretariat staffing requirements from the core budgets of the Convention and its Protocols 2021

<i>Category and level</i>	<i>Proposed 2021</i>
Professional and higher	
ASG	1
D-1	3
P-5	10
P-4	12
P-3	14
P-2/1	9
Subtotal	49
General Service	29
Total	78

Table 4
Contributions to the Trust Fund for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for 2021

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Afghanistan	0.007	0.010	223
Albania	0.008	0.011	254
Algeria	0.138	0.197	4 390
Angola	0.010	0.010	223
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003	64
Armenia	0.007	0.010	223
Austria	0.677	0.967	21 536
Azerbaijan	0.049	0.070	1 559
Bahamas	0.018	0.026	573
Bahrain	0.050	0.071	1 591
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	223
Barbados	0.007	0.010	223
Belarus	0.049	0.070	1 559
Belgium	0.821	1.173	26 117
Belize	0.001	0.001	32
Benin	0.003	0.004	95
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	32
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.016	0.023	509
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.017	382
Botswana	0.014	0.020	445
Brazil	2.948	4.212	93 778
Bulgaria	0.046	0.066	1 463
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.004	95
Burundi	0.001	0.001	32
Cambodia	0.006	0.009	191
Cameroon	0.013	0.019	414
Cape Verde	0.001	0.001	32
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	32

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Chad	0.004	0.006	127
China	12.005	17.153	381 886
Colombia	0.288	0.412	9 161
Comoros	0.001	0.001	32
Congo	0.006	0.009	191
Costa Rica	0.062	0.089	1 972
Côte d'Ivoire	0.013	0.019	414
Croatia	0.077	0.110	2 449
Cuba	0.080	0.114	2 545
Cyprus	0.036	0.051	1 145
Czechia	0.311	0.444	9 893
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	0.009	191
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010	223
Denmark	0.554	0.792	17 623
Djibouti	0.001	0.001	32
Dominica	0.001	0.001	32
Dominican Republic	0.053	0.076	1 686
Ecuador	0.080	0.114	2 545
Egypt	0.186	0.266	5 917
El Salvador	0.012	0.017	382
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	32
Estonia	0.039	0.056	1 241
Eswatini	0.020	0.029	636
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	223
European Union		2.500	55 659
Fiji	0.003	0.004	95
Finland	0.421	0.602	13 392
France	4.427	6.325	140 826

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Gabon	0.015	0.021	477
Gambia	0.001	0.001	32
Georgia	0.008	0.011	254
Germany	6.090	8.702	193,727
Ghana	0.015	0.021	477
Greece	0.366	0.523	11 643
Grenada	0.001	0.001	32
Guatemala	0.036	0.051	1 145
Guinea	0.003	0.004	95
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	32
Guyana	0.002	0.003	64
Honduras	0.009	0.013	286
Hungary	0.206	0.294	6 553
India	0.834	1.192	26 530
Indonesia	0.543	0.776	17 273
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.398	0.569	12 661
Iraq	0.129	0.184	4 104
Ireland	0.371	0.530	11 802
Italy	3.307	4.725	105 198
Jamaica	0.008	0.011	254
Japan	8.564	12.236	272 426
Jordan	0.021	0.030	668
Kazakhstan	0.178	0.254	5 662
Kenya	0.024	0.034	763
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	32
Kuwait	0.252	0.360	8 016
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.003	64
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.005	0.007	159

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Latvia	0.047	0.067	1 495
Lebanon	0.047	0.067	1 495
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	32
Liberia	0.001	0.001	32
Libya	0.030	0.043	954
Lithuania	0.071	0.101	2 259
Luxembourg	0.067	0.096	2 131
Madagascar	0.004	0.006	127
Malawi	0.002	0.003	64
Malaysia	0.341	0.487	10 847
Maldives	0.004	0.006	127
Mali	0.004	0.006	127
Malta	0.017	0.024	541
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	32
Mauritania	0.002	0.003	64
Mauritius	0.011	0.016	350
Mexico	1.292	1.846	41 099
Mongolia	0.005	0.007	159
Montenegro	0.004	0.006	127
Morocco	0.055	0.079	1 750
Mozambique	0.004	0.006	127
Myanmar	0.010	0.010	223
Namibia	0.009	0.013	286
Nauru	0.001	0.001	32
Netherlands	1.356	1.937	43 135
New Zealand	0.291	0.416	9 257
Nicaragua	0.005	0.007	159
Niger	0.002	0.003	64

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Nigeria	0.250	0.357	7 953
Niue	0.001	0.001	32
North Macedonia	0.007	0.010	223
Norway	0.754	1.077	23 985
Oman	0.115	0.164	3 658
Pakistan	0.115	0.164	3 658
Palau	0.001	0.001	32
Panama	0.045	0.064	1 431
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.014	318
Paraguay	0.016	0.023	509
Peru	0.152	0.217	4 835
Philippines	0.205	0.293	6 521
Poland	0.802	1.146	25 512
Portugal	0.350	0.500	11 134
Qatar	0.282	0.403	8 971
Republic of Korea	2.267	3.239	72 115
Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.004	95
Romania	0.198	0.283	6 298
Rwanda	0.003	0.004	95
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001	32
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001	32
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	32
Samoa	0.001	0.001	32
Saudi Arabia	1.172	1.675	37 282
Senegal	0.007	0.010	223
Serbia	0.028	0.040	891
Seychelles	0.002	0.003	64
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	32

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Slovakia	0.153	0.219	4 867
Slovenia	0.076	0.109	2 418
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	32
Somalia	0.001	0.001	32
South Africa	0.272	0.389	8 652
Spain	2.146	3.066	68 266
Sri Lanka	0.044	0.063	1 400
State of Palestine	0.008	0.011	254
Sudan	0.010	0.010	223
Suriname	0.005	0.007	159
Sweden	0.906	1.295	28 820
Switzerland	1.151	1.645	36 614
Syrian Arab Republic	0.011	0.016	350
Tajikistan	0.004	0.006	127
Thailand	0.307	0.439	9 766
Togo	0.002	0.003	64
Tonga	0.001	0.001	32
Trinidad and Tobago	0.040	0.057	1 272
Tunisia	0.025	0.036	795
Turkey	1.371	1.959	43 612
Turkmenistan	0.033	0.047	1 050
Uganda	0.008	0.010	223
Ukraine	0.057	0.081	1 813
United Arab Emirates	0.616	0.880	19 595
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.567	6.525	145 279
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010	223
Uruguay	0.087	0.124	2 768
Uzbekistan	0.032	0.046	1 018

Member country	Scale of assessments	Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%	Contributions per 1 January 2021
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.728	1.040	23 158
Viet Nam	0.077	0.110	2 449
Yemen	0.010	0.010	223
Zambia	0.009	0.013	286
Zimbabwe	0.005	0.007	159
Total	68.263	100.000	2 226 350

II. ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS

1. The first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol was convened concurrently with the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the first extraordinary meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, following expressions of support from Parties as notified by the Secretariat on 10 September 2020 (notification-2020-073) for the purpose of considering and adopting an interim budget for the programme of work for 2021.

2. A total of 119 Parties to the Protocol were registered for the meeting. The Parties represented were:

Albania	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kuwait
Algeria	Denmark	Kyrgyzstan
Antigua and Barbuda	Djibouti	Latvia
Austria	Dominican Republic	Lebanon
Bahamas	Ecuador	Luxembourg
Bahrain	Egypt	Madagascar
Bangladesh	Estonia	Malawi
Belarus	Eswatini	Malaysia
Belgium	Ethiopia	Maldives
Benin	European Union	Mali
Bhutan	Finland	Malta
Bosnia and Herzegovina	France	Mexico
Botswana	Gambia	Morocco
Brazil	Georgia	Mozambique
Bulgaria	Germany	Namibia
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Netherlands
Burundi	Greece	New Zealand
Cambodia	Grenada	Nicaragua
Cameroon	Guatemala	Niger
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria
Chad	Guyana	Norway
China	Honduras	Oman
Colombia	Hungary	Pakistan
Comoros	India	Palau
Congo	Indonesia	Panama
Costa Rica	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Paraguay
Cote D'ivoire	Italy	Peru
Croatia	Jamaica	Philippines
Cuba	Japan	Poland
Czechia		Portugal

Republic of Korea	South Africa	Tunisia
Republic of Moldova	Spain	Turkey
Romania	Sri Lanka	Turkmenistan
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Sudan	Uganda
Saint Lucia	Suriname	United Arab Emirates
Saudi Arabia	Sweden	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Senegal	Switzerland	Zambia
Serbia	Syrian Arab Republic	Zimbabwe
Seychelles	Togo	
Slovakia	Tonga	
Slovenia	Trinidad and Tobago	

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The extraordinary meeting was opened on Monday, 16 November 2020, at 7 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon) by means of a communication from the President of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, Ms. Yasmine Fouad.

4. In her communication, the President expressed her satisfaction at officially opening, through the opening communication, the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol concurrently with the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

5. Expressing her solidarity with Parties and all representatives to those extraordinary meetings that were taking place at such extraordinarily challenging times, in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, she set out the organizational matters and circulated a note explaining the silence procedure. The President circulated for adoption a draft decision containing a proposed interim budget for the year 2021 as contained in document CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Officers

6. Consistent with rule 21, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the current President and Vice-Presidents served as the Bureau of the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/1), which had been prepared and notified to Parties and observers earlier by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with rules 8 and 13 of the rules of procedure, was adopted in accordance with the explanation provided in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the annotated provisional agenda (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/1/Add.1).

Organization of work

8. The extraordinary meeting was held remotely through a written silence procedure as described in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the annotated provisional agenda and further supplemented by the communication of the President (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.5) for the purpose of the resumed session. A brief further explanation of the procedure was annexed to the opening communication (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.3) by the President.

9. On 19 November 2020, the extraordinary meeting was suspended by the President. A resumed session was held from Wednesday, 25 November 2020, at 7 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon), for a silence

period of 48 hours, and scheduled to be closed on Friday, 27 November 2020, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 1 p.m.), one hour after the expiry of the silence period.

ITEM 3. REPORT ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

10. It was reported that 119 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol were registered for the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau reported that, the representatives of 85 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol had submitted by 26 November 2020 credentials that fulfilled the requirements of rule 18 of the rules of procedure. In her communication to representatives on 19 November 2020 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.4), the President announced that the nominations of representatives of Parties and credentials received for the purpose of the extraordinary meetings would be maintained for the resumed session, unless withdrawn or changed by the Parties concerned.

11. The President expressed her thanks to Ms. Helena Brown, the Bureau member from Antigua and Barbuda, for her diligent work, in reviewing, on behalf of the Bureau, the credentials of representatives registered for the meeting.

12. In her closing communication, on 27 November 2020, the President reminded representatives that had not yet done so to submit their credentials as soon as possible and no later than 31 December 2020 and requested the Secretariat to follow up with the Parties concerned.

ITEM 4. PROPOSED INTERIM BUDGET FOR 2021

13. The draft decision on the proposed interim budget that was submitted to representatives for their consideration and adoption was the outcome of review and consultations by the informal group that had been established under the guidance of the Bureau and notified to Parties and observers on 6 October 2020 ([notification-2020-079](#)). In her opening communication, on 16 November 2020, the President expressed her gratitude, on behalf of the Bureau and on her own behalf, to Ambassador Spencer Thomas of Grenada for efficiently coordinating and facilitating the work of the informal group.

14. The draft decision on the interim budget for 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2) was placed under the silence procedure until 7 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon) on Thursday, 19 November 2020, for consideration and adoption. In her communication to representatives on 19 November 2020 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.4), the President announced that the silence had been broken and the proposed decision could not be adopted due to a comment that had been submitted by Brazil seeking the insertion of a footnote in the draft decision, and that it had been decided, after consultation with the Bureau, to suspend the meeting to allow consultations to resolve the issue.

15. The resumed session was held from Wednesday, 25 November 2020, at 7 am. Montreal time (UTC 12 noon), for a silence period of 48 hours.

16. In her opening communication of the resumed session, on 25 November 2020, the President reported that the necessary consultations, facilitated by the Presidency and the Bureau, had been held during the few days following the suspension of the meeting. She resubmitted, with no changes, the proposed interim budget for year 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2) for adoption.

17. In her closing communication, on 27 November 2020, the President announced that the silence had not been broken during the preceding 48 hours and, therefore, the proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the year 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2) was adopted. She further stated that the silence procedure applied to the meeting had helped the meeting achieve its objectives.

18. The President expressed thanks to all representatives for their understanding and cooperation.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19. As indicated in paragraph 22 of the annotated provisional agenda, and as updated later through the communications by the President, the communications constitute the outline of the present report. The report was adopted on Friday, 27 November 2020, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 1 p.m.) on the basis of document CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.1.

20. The report would be completed and issued after the meeting under the guidance of the President.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

21. The President expressed gratitude to all representatives for their cooperation in supporting the convening of the extraordinary meeting and contributing to its successful conclusion. She declared the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol closed on Friday, 27 November 2020, at 8 a.m. Montreal time (UTC 1 p.m.).
