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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

Second meeting
Montreal, Canada, 24-26 April 2018

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, at its first meeting, adopted decision NP-1/4 which includes procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Protocol and establishes a Compliance Committee.
2. According to the procedures and mechanisms on compliance, the Committee is to meet at least once in each intersessional period. Accordingly, the first meeting of the Compliance Committee was held from 6 to 8 April 2016 in Montreal. The Committee developed draft rules of procedure for its meetings, which were submitted to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its second meeting in December 2016. The rules of procedure were approved by the meeting of the Parties, with some amendments, and can be found in the annex to decision NP-2/3.
3. At its first meeting, the Committee also considered the need for and modalities of support to address challenges related to compliance with the provisions of the Protocol with a view to making effective use of the compliance mechanism as well as future work the Committee could undertake. In its report, the Committee made a number of recommendations to the second meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.
4. Further to section B, paragraph 7, of the compliance procedures and mechanisms, the second meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held at the offices of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity from 24 to 26 April 2018.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 April 2018.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

6. Section B, paragraph 9, of the compliance procedures and mechanisms (annex to decision NP-1/4) provides that the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair who will rotate among the five regional groups of the United Nations.
7. Rule 12 of the rules of procedure for the Committee (annex to decision NP-2/3) provides that the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected for a period of two years and no officer shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.
8. Accordingly, the members of the Compliance Committee will be invited to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. The agenda for this meeting has been developed on the basis of the Committee's deliberations as its first meeting¹ as well as requests to the Committee made in decisions from the second meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

10. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Executive Secretary (CBD/ABS/CC/2/1).

2.3. Organization of work

11. The Committee may wish to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex I below. The language of the meeting will be English.

12. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex II below. The documents will be made available on the Secretariat's website at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/ABSCC-02>.

13. An information note has been made available containing details of logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other similar matters.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL REGARDING ITEMS RELEVANT TO COMPLIANCE

14. At its first meeting, the Compliance Committee made a number of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol for consideration at its second meeting.

15. Under this item, the Committee will have before it document CBD/ABS/CC/2/2 presenting a review of the outcomes of the second meeting of the Parties to the Protocol regarding items relevant to compliance. This includes a review of decisions by the meeting of the Parties that take into account the recommendations of the Committee as well as other relevant decisions taken by the second meeting of the Parties.

16. The Committee may wish to reflect upon the decisions adopted at the second meeting of the Parties and how the recommendations of the Compliance Committee were considered by the meeting of the Parties.

ITEM 4. ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW AND GENERAL ISSUES OF COMPLIANCE

17. Article 31 of the Nagoya Protocol addresses 'assessment and review' and provides that the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol four years after its entry into force. In decision NP-2/4, the meeting of the Parties decided on the process for the first assessment and review of the Protocol and the elements to be included in the first assessment and review. As part of this, it requested the Compliance Committee to provide inputs in the form of information and findings on general issues of compliance and recommendations to assist in addressing challenges to the implementation of the Protocol (para. 5).

18. To assist in this task, the Compliance Committee will have before it document CBD/ABS/CC/2/3, which will present information on general issues of compliance based on information gathered from the interim national reports and the ABS Clearing-House. Information documents containing: (a) an analysis of information contained in the interim national reports and information published in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, and (b) a statistical overview of the answers provided in the interim national reports will also be made available.

¹ See in particular paragraphs 18 to 26 of the report of the first meeting of the Committee, UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/4.

19. The Committee will be invited to consider document CBD/ABS/CC/2/3 and provide inputs to the assessment and review, which will be taken into account by the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. The Committee may also wish to make recommendations to the third meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

20. It may also be recalled that, as requested in decision XIII/1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Executive Secretary is preparing a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, taking into consideration that this work is to cover the Convention and also consider its Protocols, as appropriate.

21. The Committee may wish to consider how its findings on general issues of compliance and recommendations to assist in addressing challenges to the implementation of the Protocol may be relevant to the development of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework. It may also consider what role it could play in the process for the development of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

22. Under this item, members of the Compliance Committee may wish to raise and discuss any other matters of relevance to the Committee.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The Committee will consider and adopt the report of the meeting, which will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its third meeting for its consideration.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

24. The second meeting of the Compliance Committee is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 26 April 2018.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Date and time	Agenda item
24 April 2018	
9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting
	2. Organizational matters:
	2.1. Election of officers
	2.2. Adoption of the agenda
	2.3. Organization of work
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	3. Review of the outcomes of the second meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol regarding items relevant to compliance
2.30 to 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (<i>continued</i>)
	4. Assessment and review and general issues of compliance
25 April 2018	
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
2.30 to 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
26 April 2018	
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	5. Other matters
2.30 to 5:00 p.m.	6. Adoption of the report
	7. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/ABS/CC/2/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/ABS/CC/2/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
CBD/ABS/CC/2/2	Review of the outcomes of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol regarding items relevant to compliance
CBD/ABS/CC/2/3	First assessment and review of the Nagoya Protocol and general issues of compliance
CBD/ABS/CC/2/INF/1	Analysis of information contained in the interim national reports and information published in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House
CBD/ABS/CC/2/INF/2	Statistical overview of the answers provided in the interim national reports on implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
