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Agenda item 7

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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 on Biosafety,

Taking note of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity^{1,2} and the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,³

Noting with concern that, two years into the implementation of the eighth replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, no projects have been submitted to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,⁴

Noting the outcomes of the analysis of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,

Welcoming the establishment and operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and its programming directions, which include action areas to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol,

Recalling decision [15/15](#) of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in which the Conference of the Parties invited the Council of the Global Environment Facility to examine the possibility of creating a finance window specifically for the Cartagena Protocol,

1. *Recommends* that, in adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with regard to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Conference of

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² CBD/COP/16/8.

³ CBD/COP/16/7.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity include the following requests to the Global Environment Facility:

- (a) To make funds available in a timely manner to support eligible Parties in preparing and submitting their fifth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol;
- (b) To strengthen its funding dedicated to the Cartagena Protocol to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol, including its implementation plan⁵ and its capacity-building action plan;⁶
- (c) To continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas, on the basis of their demands:
 - (i) Development and implementation of legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Cartagena Protocol;
 - (ii) Risk assessment and risk management;
 - (iii) Detection and identification of living modified organisms;
 - (iv) Public awareness, education and participation;
 - (v) Socioeconomic considerations;
 - (vi) Liability and redress;
 - (vii) National reporting, information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House;
 - (viii) Knowledge-sharing and technology transfer;
 - (ix) The implementation of action plans to achieve compliance with the Cartagena Protocol;
- (d) To further explore modalities to reform its operations, including through the consideration of how to increase [support][funds] dedicated to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the use of global and regional projects, in such a manner as to enable it to fulfil effectively its responsibilities in operating the financial mechanism for the Protocol on an interim and ongoing basis, and report on those matters to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth meeting;
- (e) To simplify the process for the submission of biosafety project proposals;
- (f) To facilitate capacity-building activities, including through webinars, on designing biosafety projects;

2. *Also recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention include the elements listed in subparagraphs 1 (b) and (c) above in the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030);

3. *Encourages* eligible Parties:

- (a) To submit project proposals to the Global Environment Facility in support of the implementation of Target 17 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework⁷ and the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol, proactively making use of the notional allocations to support the implementation of the Protocol in the eighth replenishment programming directions of the Global Environment Facility and the programming directions of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and to take note of the relevant information in the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention when submitting such proposals;

⁵ Decision CP-10/3, annex.

⁶ Decision CP-10/4, annex.

⁷ Decision 15/4, annex.

(b) To cooperate at the regional and subregional levels, as appropriate, to prepare requests for support from the Global Environment Facility for joint projects contributing to, and maximizing complementarities and opportunities for, the cost-effective sharing of resources, information, experiences and expertise;

4. *Encourages* Parties to include needs and provisions for implementing Target 17 of the Framework and the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol in their national biodiversity finance plans and their national implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization for the Framework;⁸

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to further develop and communicate information on sources of funding for biosafety to support Parties.

[6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the Global Environment Facility, to consider the relevance and process of creating a stand-alone window for biosafety, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting;]

[6.Alt *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to create a stand-alone window for biosafety, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting.]

⁸ Decision 15/7, annex I.