



Convention on Biological Diversity

Distr.: General
22 August 2024

Original: English

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Eleventh meeting

Cali, Colombia, 21 October–1 November 2024

Items 5, 7, 8 and 10–14 of the provisional agenda*

Report of the Compliance Committee

**Matters related to the financial mechanism
and resources**

**Operation and activities of the Biosafety
Clearing-House**

**Review of effectiveness of processes under the
Convention and its Protocols**

Risk assessment and risk management

**Detection and identification of living modified
organisms**

Socioeconomic considerations

**Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary
Protocol on Liability and Redress**

Compilation of draft decisions for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

The present note contains a compilation of draft decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its eleventh meeting. The draft decisions are organized according to the provisional agenda for the meeting. The compilation comprises the draft decisions contained in the various recommendations from the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as additional elements developed by the Secretariat in the light of previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol and recommendations of its subsidiary bodies. The mandates for such additional elements are indicated in the documents prepared under each relevant agenda item of the present meeting. Items for which no draft decision is envisaged (i.e. items 1–4 and 15–17) or for which a decision is provided separately (item 6) are also indicated in the compilation, with an explanatory note, for the sake of providing an exhaustive list of items.

* CBD/CP/MOP/11/1.

Contents

Items 1 to 4.....	3
Item 5. Report of the Compliance Committee.....	3
Item 6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds.....	5
Item 7. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources.....	6
Item 8. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House.....	8
Item 9. Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives.....	10
Item 10. Review of effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols.....	11
Item 11. Risk assessment and risk management	17
Item 12. Detection and identification of living modified organisms.....	21
Item 13. Socioeconomic considerations	23
Item 14. Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.....	24
Items 15 to 17	25

Items 1 to 4

No draft decisions are envisaged under agenda items 1 to 4, owing to the nature of those items. The actions required on the part of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol under those items are reflected in the annotated provisional agenda.

Item 5

Report of the Compliance Committee

The following elements of a draft decision have been reproduced from the report of the Compliance Committee on the work of its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings (CBD/CP/MOP/11/3, annex, sect. I, para. 2) with an update to the list of Parties referred to in the text of the caution, as explained in footnote 4 below.

The Committee has also recommended that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, at its eleventh meeting, consider further the implications of diverging interpretations of the definition of “living modified organism” under the Cartagena Protocol and the varying legislative approaches among Parties concerning new developments in biotechnology, including genome editing (CBD/CP/MOP/11/3, annex, sect. I, para. 1).

Compliance issues

General issues

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

1. *Reminds* Parties of the importance of complying with their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;¹
2. *Also reminds* Parties of their obligation to designate a national focal point and to keep information on their national focal points up to date;
3. *Requests* that Parties collaborate fully when requested to provide information related to their compliance with obligations under the Protocol;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by Parties to comply with their obligations under the Protocol to make information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House, and urges Parties to ensure that this information is consistent with the information provided in their national reports;
5. *Encourages* Parties to use the free text fields in the format for the fifth national report to explain responses provided, and invites Parties that are facing challenges in complying with certain obligations to share information in those free text fields on the challenges encountered;
6. *Recalls* that Parties facing difficulties with complying with one or more obligations under the Protocol are urged to seek assistance from the Compliance Committee;
7. *Recognizes* the usefulness of the compliance action plans in advancing the development of measures to implement the Protocol and the role of the Compliance Committee in facilitating support to Parties in this regard;
8. *Welcomes* the support for the development of biosafety legislation provided by the United Nations Environment Programme through its Law and Environment Assistance Platform to Parties with a compliance action plan under active consideration;

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

9. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments, to provide voluntary funds in support of the 11 Parties² that have developed compliance action plans, as well as any additional Parties that develop and implement compliance action plans at the request of the Committee;

10. *Urges* eligible Parties to prioritize biosafety projects during the programming of their national allocations under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;

11. *Reminds* Parties of Article 23 of the Protocol, including its provisions relating to public awareness and education, and its potential to facilitate compliance with the Protocol, recalling that materials and tools have been developed by the Secretariat and are available on the Biosafety Clearing-House.

Caution

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

Recalling Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,³

Recalling also section VI, paragraph 2 (b), of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Cartagena Protocol, as contained in the annex to decision BS-I/7 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol of 27 February 2004,

Noting with regret that Belize, Libya, Nauru and Papua New Guinea⁴ have not submitted their third or their fourth national reports,

Noting that the Compliance Committee and the Executive Secretary have contacted Belize, Libya, Nauru and Papua New Guinea⁴ on numerous occasions, in accordance with decision BS-V/1 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol of 15 October 2010, which included offering support to those Parties in preparing their reports,

1. *Cautions* Belize, Libya, Nauru and Papua New Guinea;⁴
2. *Requests* Belize, Libya, Nauru and Papua New Guinea⁴ as a matter of urgency, to submit their fourth national reports;
3. *Encourages* Belize, Libya, Nauru and Papua New Guinea⁴ to seek the assistance of the Compliance Committee, in accordance with decision BS-V/1, should they require support in preparing their reports.

² Barbados, Burundi, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Samoa, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁴ Parties that submitted their fourth national reports following the adoption of the report by the Committee have been removed. Any further update in this regard will be provided at the present meeting.

Item 6

Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds

The draft decision under agenda item 6 will be provided in document CBD/CP/MOP/11/5.

Item 7

Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources

The following draft decision has been reproduced from document CBD/CP/MOP/11/6.

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^{5,6} and the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,⁷

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,⁸

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 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 programme dedicated to the Cartagena Protocol to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol, including its implementation plan⁹ and its capacity-building action plan;¹⁰

(c) To continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas:

- (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;

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁶ CBD/COP/16/8.

⁷ CBD/COP/16/7.

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁹ Decision CP-10/3, annex.

¹⁰ Decision CP-10/4, annex.

- (ix) The implementation of action plans to achieve compliance with the Cartagena Protocol;
 - (d) To reform its operations, including through the consideration of a stand-alone window or a set-aside for supporting the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, separate biosafety resources and 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, and report on those matters to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth meeting;
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);¹¹
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 Framework¹² 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;
 - (b) To cooperate at the regional and subregional levels, as appropriate, to prepare requests for support from the Global Environment Facility for joint projects, in order to maximize synergies 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;¹³
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to further develop and communicate information on sources of funding for biosafety to support Parties.

¹¹ The elements could be included in enclosure II to the annex to the draft decision contained in recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, on the financial mechanism.

¹² Decision 15/4, annex.

¹³ Decision 15/7, annex I.

Item 8

Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

The following draft decision has been reproduced from document CBD/CP/MOP/11/7.

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

1. *Welcomes* the improvements made to the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House in accordance with the joint modalities of operation for the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹⁴ the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House,¹⁵ as endorsed in decision CP-9/2 of 28 November 2018;
2. *Urges* Parties to make all required information systematically available on the Biosafety Clearing-House, including legal measures for implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,¹⁶ decisions on the import or release of living modified organisms and cases of unintentional or illegal transboundary movements;
3. *Requests* Parties to review their national records published in the Biosafety Clearing-House for accuracy, including by verifying that the information made available on the Biosafety Clearing-House is up to date and complete and that the actual documents containing the information are uploaded correctly or, in cases where links to the documents are provided, that the links are functional, noting that the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol will be reviewing the completeness of information on the Biosafety Clearing-House at its twentieth meeting;
4. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit scientific information, such as peer-reviewed journal articles and sequence data, to improve the quality of information published in the Biosafety Clearing-House;
5. *Urges* Parties to start the preparation of their fifth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and ensure the publication thereof in the Biosafety Clearing-House in a timely manner;
6. *Welcomes* the successful implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme-Global Environment Facility project for sustainable capacity-building for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House and urges potential donor country Parties and other Governments to provide funds to continue the project and other capacity-building projects related to the Biosafety Clearing-House and to support the network of regional advisers;
7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to make funds available in support of activities related to the Biosafety Clearing-House;
8. *Welcomes* the collaborative activities of the biosafety-related organizations and the Secretariat;
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:
 - (a) To continue to maintain the Biosafety Clearing-House and to make necessary improvements to it, including those recommended by the Informal Advisory Committee and those requested by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, to the functionalities of various parts of the platform, so as to avoid creating new thematic pages;

¹⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹⁵ Decision 14/25, annex.

¹⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

- (b) To continue to translate pages of the Biosafety Clearing-House, including new features and content as they are developed, to ensure the availability of the platform in the six official languages of the United Nations;
- (c) To develop a customized functional biosafety national website using the Bioland tool and to make it available to Parties wishing to build a national biosafety website with linkages to the Biosafety Clearing-House;
- (d) To continue to develop capacity-building materials and to provide training on the new functionalities of the Biosafety Clearing-House;
- (e) To continue to collaborate with other biosafety-related databases and organizations.

Item 9

Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol is expected to take note of the information contained in document CBD/CP/MOP/11/8. No decision is expected under agenda item 9.

Item 10

Review of effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will consider agenda item 10 jointly with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, on the basis of recommendation 4/12 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

I. Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols

A

Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

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

[Recalling decision CP-10/8 of 10 December 2022,

Recognizing the need to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention on Biological Diversity¹⁷ and its Protocols,

1. Takes note of the recent experience and further suggestions for improving the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols summarized in document CBD/SBI/4/11;

[2. Requests the Executive Secretary and the Bureaux to draw upon that experience when preparing the organization of work and scenario notes for future meetings and to make those notes available to all Parties in advance of the meetings;]

[3. Requests the Executive Secretary, together with the Bureaux, to continue to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, such as options for streamlining agendas and the peer-review of documents in advance;]

[4. Decides that, during the meetings of the open-ended subsidiary bodies, the number of sessions of contact groups and friends of the Chair held in parallel shall be limited to the number of delegates per developing country whose participation has been supported by the Secretariat;]

[5. Requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate the identification of additional financial support to increase participation of all focal points of the Convention and its Protocols, especially those from developing countries, and in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition;]

[6. Decides that, in the case of back-to-back intergovernmental meetings, a mandatory free day shall be scheduled every five days, during which no formal or informal activities shall take place, without prejudice to the support provided to delegates from developing country Parties;]

[7. Recognizes the need to limit evening negotiating sessions to reasonable hours to preserve the health of delegates attending intergovernmental meetings, in particular delegates of small delegations, and, unless otherwise agreed, decides that no session shall be scheduled beyond 13 hours from the start of the first open-ended meeting of the day;]

8. Requests the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Technical and Technological Advise to identify a pool of representatives to serve as chairs of working and contact groups or facilitators of friends of the Chair groups on the basis of their skills in building trust and consensus

¹⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

among those with differing views and their demonstrated knowledge of the issues to be addressed by the group, well in advance of intergovernmental meetings held under the Convention;

9. *Requests* that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, facilitate an orientation or training session for the representatives identified in paragraph 8 above ahead of the meetings in order to familiarize them with the rules of procedure and established practices, techniques and skills in the area of managing multilateral negotiations and facilitating consensus, with a view to ensuring ethical approaches and impartiality, in accordance with United Nations standards and principles, including through United Nations-based training modules;

[10. *Also requests* that the Executive Secretary [mobilize resources], [subject to the availability of resources,] [and] facilitate the attendance of the representatives from developing countries identified in paragraph 8 above to intergovernmental meetings held under the Cartagena Protocol, [without prejudice to the support provided for the participation of their delegations, where feasible];]

[11. *Decides* that the organization of meetings should include more regular and earlier use of strategic pauses to enable discussions by small groups and friends of the Chair groups to find possible solutions, in order to avoid protracted and unfruitful discussions in plenary session;]

[12. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments to engage with indigenous peoples, local communities, women, youth and other national observer organizations and to solicit views from a wide range of relevant sectors in the process of preparations at the national level for meetings of the governing and subsidiary bodies, to inform the development of their national positions, as appropriate, and taking into account national circumstances;]

[13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau:

(a) To ensure that working documents are made available for meetings of the open-ended subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in all official languages of the United Nations in accordance with their respective rules of procedure or *modus operandi* and at least six weeks before the opening of the respective meeting, and to ensure that the dates of issuance, included those of any updated versions, are clearly indicated on the web page for the meeting;]

[(b) To follow rule 35 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol for the preparation of conference room papers and “L” documents;]

[(c) To develop a clear schedule for the preparations for each meeting in a timely manner;]

[(d) To provide national focal points at the end of each year with a calendar of activities and actions expected in the course of the following year, so as to rationalize intersessional activities and facilitate workflow management;]

[(e) To provide time limits for plenary discussions and clear indications for moving to a smaller setting for more focused discussions;]

[(f) To formalize rules around not presenting new text, introducing new issues and making deletions unless flagged in initial interventions or written submissions;]

[(g) To make efforts to limit the size of draft recommendations by subsidiary bodies or draft decisions by governing bodies, and to avoid duplication and redundancy with existing decisions, without prejudice to the ability of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to revisit previous decisions, in order to facilitate the subsequent implementation of decisions;]

[(h) To limit the number of items that directly result in conference room papers to those on which there is little disagreement, noting that it is more efficient to assign items on which there are

major differences of opinion to a contact group, even though this would likely mean more contact groups and, therefore, fewer sessions per contact group;]

[(i) To review the structure of the website of the Convention to make it more user-friendly;]

14. *Requests* the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the recommendations contained in annex I to the present decision when preparing meetings under the Protocol;

15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to enable consultations with Parties, Bureau members, partners and stakeholders, with the support of qualified external experts in the field, as appropriate, to continue to develop options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Cartagena Protocol, and to submit such proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting, with a view to developing a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its twelfth meeting, taking into account the compilation of submissions contained in annex II to the present decision.

Annex I¹⁸

Recommendations to the Bureau in the preparation for meetings

- [1. Commissioning of any studies requested by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to inform discussions and negotiations.
2. Making studies available for peer review.
3. Publication of a scenario note for the meeting in question.
4. The timing of Bureau meetings at strategic points to guide the process.
5. Streamlining of the issuance of notifications relating to the meeting.
6. No first readings at meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol when item has already been addressed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation or by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.]

Annex II¹⁸

Compilation of submissions received during the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for further consideration

- [1. Early submission of statements, and first reading of meeting documents in virtual plenary settings, to achieve the most efficient use of time during meetings.
2. To invite each of the major stakeholder groups and observer organizations to consider sharing their views and proposals on relevant agenda items, including by early uploading, and encourages Parties to review the views and proposals of observers, in advance of the meeting concerned and, if necessary, to engage with the relevant observer to develop a better understanding of the views and proposals.
3. To organize, subject to the availability of resources, informational webinars with major groups, including interpretation into UN languages, and improved internet connection through access via government or other offices when needed, to facilitate exchange of views and to reach a common understanding about relevant agenda items, particularly for indigenous peoples and local communities.

¹⁸ Given their early drafting stage, annexes I and II have not been formally edited.

4. To develop, in collaboration with the Bureaux, guidelines for the operation of plenary sessions, contact groups and friends of the Chair meetings to ensure consistency of approach, including:
 - (i) Terms of engagement;
 - (ii) How to deal with new text proposals at different stages of the process;
 - (iii) How to ensure operation of huddles in line with relevant the United Nations code of conduct and practice.
5. To continue to explore the availability and reliability of any methods or technology that may be used to expedite decision-making; and to report on any findings to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, for its consideration and submission of a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, at its twelfth meeting.
6. Keep the website as well as the app, updated to improve access to the tools and guidance available and enhance knowledge management by integrating the latest developments on tools and technology that are being implemented or explored.
7. First readings only online ahead of the meeting, so that meetings are started with a draft conference room paper or non-paper for contact group.
8. Online system for quick text suggestions instead of reading out text.
9. Use of online text collaboration (i.e. google docs or other alternatives) to work collectively in plenary on resolving text problems and solutions. May require some initial training for delegates.
10. Experiment with not having draft proposed decisions from the Secretariat, but allowing Parties to generate decision text.
11. Consider how to improve the management of the agenda, including through combining agenda items where there are crossovers.
12. Use of screens for text-based negotiations.
13. Use of apps or other mechanisms to informally poll Parties on possible options to resolve issues. May require some initial training for delegates.
14. Consider other new ICT techniques.]¹⁹]]

[B

Procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings

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

Recalling decision CP-10/8 of 10 December 2022,

Reaffirming that all meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,²⁰ the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety²¹ and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity,²² as well as the meetings of the intergovernmental subsidiary bodies of the Cartagena Protocol, must follow their respective rules of procedure,

¹⁹ Proposal 14 made as a placeholder.

²⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

²² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

1. *Affirms* that the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, as well as the meetings of its intergovernmental subsidiary bodies, shall be held in person, unless extraordinary circumstances, as indicated in paragraph 2 below, render the holding of in-person meetings impossible for an extended period of time;

2. *Reaffirms* that, in the event of extraordinary circumstances that render the holding of in-person meetings impossible, sessions of the meetings referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be held virtually through modalities that allow for online interactive participation, following consultations among Parties and a decision of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, as long as no substantive decisions are taken online, with the exception of decisions on budgetary and procedural matters to allow the Secretariat to function;

3. *Notes* that, in the event of extraordinary circumstances that render the holding of in-person meetings impossible, urgent decisions, such as those on budgetary matters, may be taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol through a silence procedure in line with United Nations practice and a decision of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, following proper consultations by the Bureau members with their respective regions, and applying the procedures set out in the rules of procedure for the convening of an extraordinary meeting;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that arrangements for meetings referred to in paragraph 1 above always include a provision for streaming the proceedings online to allow all duly registered delegates to follow the proceedings in real time;

5. *Notes* that expert groups, advisory groups and other groups with limited membership may meet in person, virtually or in a hybrid format, in line with their respective mandates and, as applicable, their respective rules of procedure[, noting that at least one of their meetings should be in person];

6. *Also notes* that, during the intersessional period, the Bureaux can meet virtually to provide continued guidance to the Secretariat with regard to the preparation of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and relevant subsidiary bodies;

7. *Decides* that:

(a) The operational modalities of any meeting held virtually should be clearly set out in a scenario note prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the relevant Bureau and made available to all Parties in advance of the meeting;

(b) When scheduling virtual sessions of meetings, the Secretariat shall take into consideration the significant health and well-being burden for Parties arising from time differences across time zones and aim to enable equitable participation of Parties across all regions, including by rotating time zones;

(c) The duration of virtual sessions should be limited to two consecutive hours per day;

(d) The Secretariat should implement measures to facilitate effective online participation by all participants in virtual and hybrid sessions of meetings, and in particular to support Parties in overcoming network and connectivity difficulties, including by providing opportunities for prior training and testing convenient for all time zones, facilitating the use of meeting facilities at the relevant United Nations country office, where possible and by prior arrangement following a request from the Party concerned, and providing all reasonable measures to assist Parties that encounter difficulties with connectivity and the use of the interactive platform.]

II. Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups

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

Recalling decision CP-9/10 of 28 November 2018,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity²³ on the implementation of the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups,²⁴

Taking into account the effective use of the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest²⁵ in the selection of experts to serve in technical expert groups convened in processes under the Convention and its Protocols,

1. *Approves* the following amendments to the interest disclosure form contained in the appendix to the procedure:

(a) In the declaration sentence, at the end of the form, the following text is inserted: “If selected as a member of the expert group, I undertake to carry out my duties and responsibilities with all objectivity and, in the event that a potential conflict of interest is established, I undertake to recuse myself from relevant discussions or decision-making, as appropriate”;

(b) A “Name or description of the expert group” field is added at the beginning of the interest disclosure form, above the “Name” field, and a “Job title” field is added after the “Current employer” field;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to integrate the amendments referred to in paragraph 1 above into the interest disclosure form contained in the appendix to the annex to decision 14/33 and replace the original form contained in that decision with the amended version;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to take measures, as appropriate, to enhance the application of the procedure, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, including by:

[(a) Reviewing, for accuracy, the information provided in the interest disclosure forms submitted by nominated experts;]

(b) Without prejudice to item (b) of paragraph 4.4 of the procedure, disclosing to other members of the expert group and at the beginning of any meeting of an expert group significant interests that have been declared by a particular member[or revealed by other reliable sources];

(c) Publishing a summary of all declarations made and actions taken to manage any actual or potential conflicts of interest in the report on a meeting and any other outcome of work or product of an expert group;

[4. *Decides* to review periodically the procedure and requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the implementation of the procedure and, if necessary, to propose updates and amendments to the procedure for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;]

[5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to consider the report and any proposed amendments referred to in paragraph 4 above and to submit a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its fourteenth meeting.]

²³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²⁴ CBD/SBI/4/11/Add.1.

²⁵ Decision 14/33, annex.

Item 11

Risk assessment and risk management

The following draft decision is taken from recommendation 26/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives, initially issued for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, were subsequently formally edited and are being issued for consideration at the present meeting as document CBD/CP/MOP/11/9. The footnote in paragraph 2 was therefore updated to reflect the change of symbol. In addition, the relevant elements of a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol contained in recommendation 26/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice have been incorporated as paragraph 14 below.

Risk assessment and risk management

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

Recalling Article 1 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,²⁶

Recalling also decision [CP-10/10](#) of 10 December 2022,

Recalling further decision [CP-9/13](#) of 28 November 2018, by which it established a process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues regarding the risk assessment of living modified organisms that might warrant consideration,

Recalling paragraph 7 of decision 14/19 of 29 November 2018 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,²⁷ in which the Conference of the Parties emphasized the need for a coordinated, complementary and non-duplicative approach on issues related to synthetic biology under the Convention and its Protocols, [and noting the conclusions of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology to Support the Process for Broad and Regular Horizon Scanning, Monitoring and Assessment,²⁸ in particular its recommendation to consider self-limiting insects as a potential topic for the further development of guidance on risk assessment in line with the process set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13,]

Taking note of the assessment by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment of additional issues on which guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed,²⁹

1. *[Takes note of][Welcomes with appreciation] the outcomes of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment,³⁰*

2. *[Also welcomes][Acknowledges][Endorses] the additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives;³¹*

3. *Encourages Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant organizations and stakeholders to make use of the additional voluntary guidance materials in conducting relevant risk assessments and as a tool for capacity-building activities in risk assessment;]*

²⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

²⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

²⁸ See CBD/SYNBIO/AHTEG/2024/1/3.

²⁹ See CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2024/1/3.

³⁰ See CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2023/1/4 and CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2024/1/3.

³¹ CBD/CP/MOP/11/9.

4. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations and stakeholders that have used the voluntary guidance materials to submit information on their experiences and assessment of the applicability and usefulness of the materials to the Executive Secretary;

5. *Calls* for broad international cooperation, knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and resource mobilization to support, inter alia, the application of the additional voluntary guidance materials;

[6. *Also calls* for the consideration of the related issues set out in the additional voluntary guidance materials,³² including traditional knowledge, innovation and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, when using the voluntary guidance materials;]

[

7. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on risk assessment, with the terms of reference contained in the annex to the present decision, tasked with the development of additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified fish;

8. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to submit to the Secretariat information relevant to the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;

9. *Decides* to extend the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management to contribute to the development of additional voluntary guidance materials in support of the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified fish;

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider at its twenty-eighth meeting the outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and to make a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its twelfth meeting;

]

11. *Invites* Parties to submit detailed information on their needs and priorities for further guidance materials on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, including a rationale following the criteria set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13[, taking into account the recommendation of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology to Support the Process for Broad and Regular Horizon Scanning, Monitoring and Assessment to consider self-limiting insects as a potential topic];

12. *Decides* to extend the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management to support the analysis of further topics of risk assessment in accordance with the criteria set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13;

13. *Also decides* to consider at its twelfth meeting additional issues on which guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed, further to the process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues pertaining to the risk assessment of living modified organisms established in decision CP-9/13, taking into account the needs and priorities identified by Parties pursuant to paragraph 11 above [and the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 (e) of its terms of reference];

14. [Further decides that the process outlined in annex I to decision CP-9/13 will be applied to any trends or issues identified through the process of broad and regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment of the most recent technological developments in synthetic biology that are considered to be living modified organisms and may require further guidance on risk assessment;]

³² Ibid., sect. 7.

15. *Requests* that the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) Prepare a synthesis of the information submitted in response to paragraph 4 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting;

(b) Convene capacity-building and development activities in support of risk assessment with a particular focus on the risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives;

[

(c) Develop a detailed outline of additional guidance materials on the risk assessment of living modified fish for peer review, in preparation for the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;

(d) Convene online discussions of the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management to support the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment in drafting a detailed outline for the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified fish;

(e) Synthesize the information submitted by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in order to facilitate the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;

(f) Convene, subject to the availability of resources, two meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment, at least one of which should be held in person;

]

[(g) Collect relevant information to support the risk assessment of self-limiting insects and make it available on the Biosafety Clearing-House.]

[Annex

Terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment shall:

(a) Be composed of experts, selected in accordance with section H of the consolidated *modus operandi* of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,³³ with specific scientific and technical expertise in living modified fish and their potential effects on biodiversity and in issues relevant to the mandate of the Expert Group, and include experts from relevant international organizations and from indigenous peoples and local communities, in line with decision 14/33 of 29 November 2018 on the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups;

(b) Subject to the availability of funds, hold at least one in-person meeting before the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,³⁴ and perform its work by means of online communication and engagement, as appropriate;

(c) Develop additional voluntary guidance materials for conducting the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified fish in accordance with annex III to the Protocol, taking into account current experience with the organisms and specific issues of risk assessment identified in annex I to decision CP-9/13 of 28 November 2018, including existing reports, general considerations on living modified fish and existing national and regional risk assessment experiences;

³³ Decision VIII/10, annex III.

³⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

(d) Analyse the information submitted by Parties further to paragraph 11 of decision CP-11/--, and on that basis prepare a list of prioritized topics on which further guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed according to the criteria set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13;

(e) Prepare a report, including draft voluntary guidance materials on living modified fish and a list of prioritized topics further to subparagraph (d) above, on which further guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

2. In undertaking its work, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment shall consider the synthesis of views from the submissions and discussions in the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management prepared by the Secretariat; existing resources, including those identified in the stocktaking exercise of the study on risk assessment: application of annex I to decision CP-9/13 to living modified fish;³⁵ guidance materials already available; and relevant decisions on risk assessment and risk management adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.]

³⁵ CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2020/1/3, annex.

Item 12

Detection and identification of living modified organisms

The following draft decision is taken from recommendation 26/6 of Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Detection and identification of living modified organisms

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

Recalling its decisions [CP-10/7](#) and [CP-10/11](#) of 10 December 2022 and the need for capacity-building activities on new detection techniques [and on detecting and identifying unauthorized living modified organisms],

Recalling also its decisions CP-10/3 and CP-10/4 of 19 December 2022, and in particular Goals A.6 to A.8 of the implementation plan and Goals A.6 to A.8 and related capacity-building activities of the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,³⁶

Reiterating the importance of the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms for the Protocol and its relevance and applicability to other fields,

Recognizing that the detection and identification of newly developed [and unauthorized] living modified organisms may pose challenges, in particular for developing countries,

[Recognizing also the limited information available on the use of new techniques for detecting and identifying living modified organisms and the limited experience with detecting and identifying newly developed [and unauthorized] living modified organisms,]

Recognizing further the advancements in new techniques for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, such as digital polymerase chain reaction and next-generation sequencing,

Recognizing with concern the high cost of laboratory infrastructure, consumables required for those new techniques and the lack of access to reagents for some developing country Parties,

Confirming that the *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety* (Biosafety Technical Series 05) is still relevant and useful for the detection and identification of living modified organisms,

Recognizing the usefulness of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for facilitating the exchange of experience, sharing information and building expertise,

1. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, participants in the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, developers and other relevant organizations to submit to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity³⁷ technical reference materials and publications related to new quantitative polymerase chain reaction techniques, digital polymerase chain reaction, next-generation sequencing and isothermal amplification techniques in order to complement and update future editions of the *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*;

2. *Invites* Parties to share through the Biosafety Clearing-House their experience with new detection techniques, such as those for detecting newly developed [and unauthorized] living modified

³⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

³⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

organisms, including those that contain stacked events, [and experience with developing certified reference materials];

[3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to share and make available through the Biosafety Clearing-House training materials and reference publications;]

4. *Encourages* Parties to establish regional networks of laboratories and partnerships to support activities in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, and to promote capacity-building and knowledge-sharing;

5. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments and international organizations, to provide financial resources to laboratories, in particular in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States, and in countries with economies in transition, in order to strengthen the infrastructure for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, the formation of regional networks of laboratories, capacity-building activities and the development or acquisition of certified reference materials;

6. *Recommends* that, when adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with regard to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Conference of the Parties invite the Global Environment Facility to assist eligible Parties by providing speedy access to the means of implementation at the scale required to cover the scope and speed of the assistance needed, including for strengthening the infrastructure for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, establishing regional networks of laboratories, undertaking capacity-building activities and developing or acquiring certified reference materials, and urges Parties to submit appropriate proposals in that context to the Global Environment Facility to enable support for such activities;

[7. *Encourages* technology developers to share transparently detection and identification methods on newly developed living modified organisms on the Biosafety Clearing-House;]

8. *Requests* that the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) Continue to collect publications and technical resource materials in different languages and make them available on the dedicated portal for the sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms on the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(b) Prepare a compilation of technical reference materials and publications submitted in response to the request in paragraph 1, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its twelfth meeting;

(c) Collaborate with relevant organizations and provide capacity-building support to Parties in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, including hands-on training of laboratory personnel on both traditional analytical methods and new detection techniques;

(d) Raise awareness of the sampling, detection and identification portal on the Biosafety Clearing-House [and explore the possibility to link and cross-reference the Biosafety Clearing-House with relevant industry databases.]

Item 13

Socioeconomic considerations

The following draft decision has been reproduced from document CBD/CP/MOP/11/10.

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

Recalling the guidance on the assessment of socioeconomic considerations in the context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety³⁸ taken note of in decision CP-9/14 of 28 November 2018,

Recalling also decision CP-10/12 of 10 December 2022,

Recalling further Goal A.9 of the implementation plan³⁹ and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol,⁴⁰

1. *Welcomes* the information shared on experiences in the use of the voluntary guidance, examples of methodologies and applications of socioeconomic considerations in the light of the elements of the guidance,⁴¹ while recognizing that limited information was submitted in this regard;
2. *Also welcomes* information shared by Parties on approaches and requirements for socioeconomic considerations and regarding experiences in assessing socioeconomic considerations further to the responses provided in their fourth national reports;⁴²
3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate, to use the voluntary guidance and share their experiences in this regard in the fifth national reports or to make such experiences available in the Biosafety Clearing-House virtual library;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to synthesize the information provided in the fifth national reports further to paragraph 3 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its twelfth meeting;
5. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and organizations to carry out capacity-building and awareness-raising activities in support of Goal A.9 of the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol, and encourages donors to provide the necessary resources in this regard.

³⁸ CBD/CP/MOP/9/10, annex.

³⁹ Decision CP-10/3, annex.

⁴⁰ Decision CP-10/4, annex.

⁴¹ Available at www.cbd.int/notifications/2023-133.

⁴² Available at bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/Activities2023-2024.shtml.

Item 14

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

The following draft decision has been reproduced from document CBD/CP/MOP/11/11.

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and further serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,*⁴³

Recalling decision CP-10/13 of 10 December 2022,

Also recalling Goal A.10 of the implementation plan⁴⁴ and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol,⁴⁵

1. *Welcomes* the additional instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety⁴⁶ that have been deposited since the adoption of decision [CP-10/13](#);

2. *Invites* all Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that have not yet done so to deposit an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol as soon as possible;

3. *Welcomes* the additional records published in the Biosafety Clearing-House containing the contact details of the competent authorities to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Supplementary Protocol;

4. *Reminds* Parties to the Supplementary Protocol to designate a competent authority to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Supplementary Protocol and to publish information on the competent authorities using the common format available for that purpose in the Biosafety Clearing-House;

5. *Welcomes* the information provided by Parties on the measures in place to provide for financial security for damage from living modified organisms, while noting that only a few Parties have provided such information;

6. *Invites* Parties to share information on financial security mechanisms, together with other information on national measures for the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol, in their fifth national reports, and requests the Executive Secretary to use that information when preparing the documentation for the first assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Supplementary Protocol;⁴⁷

7. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and organizations to carry out capacity-building and awareness-raising activities in support of the effective implementation of the Supplementary Protocol, and encourages donors to provide the resources necessary in that regard, further to Goal A.10 of the implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol.

⁴³ In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Supplementary Protocol, and subject to paragraph 2 of Article 32 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall serve as the meeting of the Parties to the Supplementary Protocol. Consequently, the present decision has been adopted by the Parties to the Supplementary Protocol.

⁴⁴ Decision CP-10/3, annex.

⁴⁵ Decision CP-10/4, annex.

⁴⁶ See United Nations Environment Programme, document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/17, annex, decision BS-V/11.

⁴⁷ See decision CP-10/13, para. 12.

Items 15 to 17

No draft decisions are envisaged under agenda items 15 to 17, owing to the nature of those items. The actions required on the part of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol under those items are reflected in the annotated provisional agenda.
