



Convention on Biological Diversity

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**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, second resumed session
Rome, 25–27 February 2025
Agenda item 2
Organizational matters**

Annotated provisional agenda for the second resumed session

Introduction

1. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024, concurrently with the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the fifth meeting of 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, and resulted in the adoption of 10 decisions. Negotiations carried on into the morning of 2 November, and the meeting had to be eventually suspended at 8.30 a.m. before the consideration of some agenda items could be completed, owing to the loss of the necessary quorum.
2. At a meeting held on 27 November 2024, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to resume the eleventh meeting from 3 to 6 December 2024 in order to adopt budget-related decisions, under silence procedure. It also decided that the eleventh meeting would be resumed again, this time in person, at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in Rome, from 25 to 27 February 2025, to complete consideration of all remaining agenda items.
3. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol adopted the agenda for its eleventh meeting at its 1st plenary session, on 21 October 2024. The present document contains annotations to the agenda items that will be addressed at the second resumed session, that is, those that were either not considered or completed.
4. Preparatory meetings of regional groups will be held on 24 February.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

5. The second resumed session of the meeting will start at 10 a.m. on 25 February 2025.
6. The President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, María Susana Muhamad González, will open the meeting.

7. The Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker, will also deliver an opening statement.
8. No other statements are expected during the opening session.
9. The opening of the second resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in conjunction with the opening of the second resumed session of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

Item 2

Organizational matters

Officers

10. The President will continue to serve during the second resumed session and until a new president is elected at the opening of the twelfth meeting. In accordance with rule 21 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, at its fifteenth meeting, elected 10 vice-presidents from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting for a term of office commencing upon the closure of the fifteenth meeting and ending at the closure of the sixteenth meeting. As all 10 elected members of the Bureau were from countries party to the Cartagena Protocol, those members also serve as the Bureau for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, without the need for designating substitute members. the Bureau comprises the following members, in addition to its President:

Khangeziwe Mabuza (Eswatini)¹
Abderahmane Zino Izourar (Algeria)
Krishneel Nand (Fiji)
Somaly Chan (Cambodia)
Teona Karchava (Georgia)
Angela Lozan (Republic of Moldova)
Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica)
María Teresa Becerra Ramírez (Colombia)
Eric Schauls (Luxembourg)
Norbert Bärlocher (Switzerland)

11. At its 3rd plenary session, on 30 October, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention elected members of the Bureau who will take up office commencing upon the closure of the sixteenth meeting. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol elected a member of the Bureau to substitute for a member from a Party to the Convention that was not also party to the Protocol.

Status of agenda items

12. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol completed consideration of agenda items 4, 5 and 7 to 14 at the first part of its meeting. Budget-related matters under item 6 were considered and completed at the first resumed session, under silence procedure. As a consequence of the suspension of the eleventh meeting and the holding a

¹ In replacement of Hlobisile Sikhosana (Eswatini), who had been elected by the Conference of the Parties at the resumed second part of its fifteenth meeting.

resumed in-person session, however, agenda items 1, 2 and 3 remain relevant. Accordingly, items 1 to 3 and 15 to 17 will be considered at the present meeting.

Organization of work

13. The proposed organization of work of the resumed sessions of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol is set out in document CBD/CP/MOP/11/1/Add.5, common to all three resumed sessions.

14. Given the limited number of agenda items for discussion, it is proposed that all work be conducted in plenary sessions.

15. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider and adopt the proposed organization of work.

16. Interpretation will be available for the plenary sessions.

17. A list of documents for the second resumed session is provided in the annex.

Rapporteur

18. At the opening plenary session of the first part of the meeting, on 21 October, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol elected Ms. Chan as Rapporteur for the meeting.

Item 3

Report on the credentials of representatives to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

19. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure, which apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, provides the following:

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or the representative of the Executive Secretary. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

20. Rule 19 provides that the Bureau of any meeting is to examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision.

21. In order to assist Parties in complying with the provision of rule 18, the Executive Secretary issued a notification on nominations and credentials,² and sample formats of appropriate credentials have been made available online.³ As specified in the notification, Parties that had already submitted valid credentials for their representatives for participation in the first part of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol may confirm, through a note verbale or letter, that the credentials remain valid for the purpose of the present meeting. Such note verbale or letter should be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Party concerned and should make specific reference to the credentials submitted for the meeting held in Cali.

² Notification No. 2024-111 of 29 November 2024.

³ See www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-16/cop-16-r2-credentials-template-en.docx.

22. Parties that had not submitted valid credentials for the meeting held in Cali will need to submit credentials to be able to participate in decision-making during the present meeting. Similarly, Parties that will be sending new representatives to the present meeting will need to submit credentials for them.
23. Following previous practice, representatives of Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and to the Nagoya Protocol may submit a single set of credentials for the resumed sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the eleventh meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
24. As indicated in paragraph 19, rule 18 of the rules of procedure provides that credentials must be submitted, if possible, no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Given the short duration of the resumed meetings and the need to ensure quorum, however, Parties are requested to submit their original credentials, note verbale or letter, as applicable, to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and no later than 20 February 2025.
25. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.
26. At the opening plenary session of the first part of the meeting, Ms. Mabuza was designated as representative of the Bureau for the review of credentials.

Item 15

Other matters

27. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion.

Item 16

Adoption of the report

28. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of its eleventh meeting, to be prepared by the Rapporteur on the basis of document CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.1/Rev.1, as completed to take into account the proceedings of the second resumed session of its meeting.
29. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the President and the assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 17

Closure of the meeting

30. It is expected that the second resumed session of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be closed at 6 p.m. on 27 February 2025.

Annex

List of documents

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