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TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON
BIOSAFETY

Tenth meeting – Part II
Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022
Agenda item 10

Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources (Article 28)

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

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

1. Welcomes the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and its programming directions and the support this makes available to Parties for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol;

2. Notes with concern that very few projects were presented for supporting the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety during the seventh replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;

3. Recommends that the Conference of the Parties, in adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with respect to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, invite the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To strengthen its funding programme dedicated to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol and its implementation plan and capacity-building action plan;

(b) To improve and simplify the modalities for access to its funding for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, to support eligible Parties in the implementation of the Protocol, its implementation plan and the capacity-building action plan;

(c) To continue to make funds available in a timely manner to support eligible Parties in preparing and submitting their fifth national reports;

(d) To continue to assist eligible Parties in undertaking activities in the following areas: development and implementation of legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol; risk assessment and risk management; detection and identification of living modified organisms; public awareness, education and participation; socioeconomic considerations; liability and redress; national reporting; information sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House; and knowledge and technology transfer; and the implementation of compliance action plans regarding the achievement of compliance with the Protocol;

4. Invites the Global Environment Facility Council to examine the possibility to create a finance window specifically for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

5. *Urges* Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to include biosafety projects in their utilization of the funding allocated to them under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources for the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, taking into account their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the post-2020 implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol, and the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to the Global Environment Facility;

6. *Encourages* Parties to include needs and provisions for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in their national biodiversity finance plans and in their national implementation of the resource mobilization strategy for the post-2020 period;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To identify and communicate sources of funding for biosafety to support Parties;

(b) To analyze the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,¹ while considering the relevance and process of creating a standalone window for biosafety, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, at its eleventh meeting.

¹ COP decision 15/-- on item 12B (financial mechanism).