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ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA  
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Tenth meeting

Kunming, China, 11-15 October 2021  
and 25 April to 8 May 2022

### DRAFT REPORT

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of China and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XIII/33, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was scheduled to be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, from 15 to 28 October 2020, concurrently with the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the fourth 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. Owing to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, however, the meetings were postponed, initially until late May 2021 and then again as the pandemic persisted.

2. After extensive consultations and considering the challenges that the pandemic still posed for in-person meetings, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol had agreed, at its meeting held on 19 July 2021, to hold the tenth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in two parts: the first part (part I) to be held online from 11 to 15 October 2021 and the second part (part II) to be held in person in Kunming, China, from 25 April to 8 May 2022. Part I of the meeting was held online from 11 to 15 October 2021.

### Attendance

3. *[to be completed]*

#### Item 1. Opening of the meeting

4. Following the opening of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by Ms Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt and President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, and the election of Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, as President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, the first part of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol was opened at 3.30 p.m.<sup>1</sup> on 11 October 2021 by Mr. Huang, as President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

5. Opening statements were made by Mr. Zheng Han, Vice-Premier of the Council of State of China; Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, on behalf of Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (via video); Mr. Chengfa Ruan, Communist Party Secretary of Yunnan Province; and Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on

<sup>1</sup> All times shown in the present report are Kunming time, UTC+8.

Biological Diversity. Their statements are summarized in the report of the Conference of the Parties on part I of its fifteenth meeting (CBD/COP/15/Part-I/xx).

6. General statements were made by representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the African Group), Georgia (on behalf of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe), Kuwait (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America) and Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States).

7. A statement was also made by the representative of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

8. Further statements were made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), International Indigenous Forum for Biodiversity (IIFB), the Hani People of Yunnan, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) (also on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity (coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Quebec) the Group of Leading Subnational Governments towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (coordinated by the Aichi Prefecture), the European Committee of the Regions and the Edinburgh Process partners) and the True Nature Conservation Association (also on behalf of Youth of China).<sup>2</sup>

## **Item 2. Organizational matters**

### **Adoption of the agenda**

9. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol adopted the following agenda based on the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau (CBD/CP/MOP/10/1/Rev.1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.
4. Reports of subsidiary bodies.
5. Report of the Compliance Committee.
6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds.
7. Implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol.
8. Monitoring and reporting (Article 33).
9. Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 35) and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020.
10. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources (Article 28).
11. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20).
12. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives.
13. Review of effectiveness of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols.
14. Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16).
15. Detection and identification of living modified organisms.
16. Socio-economic considerations (Article 26).
17. Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.
18. Other matters.
19. Adoption of the report.
20. Closure of the meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> Statements made by representatives, where provided to the Secretariat, can be found at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15/documents>, as received from the Party or observer concerned.

### **Organization of work**

10. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to address items 1 to 6 and 18 to 20 during part I of the meeting, according to the schedule set out in annex I to the proposed organization of work (CBD/CP/MOP/10/1/Add.2). It was understood that all those items would be addressed in plenary and that some would need to be further considered during part II of the meeting, at which time agenda items 7 to 17 would also be addressed.

### **Election of officers**

#### *Election of the President*

11. Pursuant to Article 29, paragraph 3, of the Cartagena Protocol, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties also served as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. Accordingly, Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, who had been elected President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, also served as the President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

#### *Election of officers other than the President*

12. Article 29, paragraph 3, of the Cartagena Protocol stipulated that any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties who was representing a Party to the Convention that was not a Party to the Protocol had to be substituted by a member elected by and from among the Parties to the Protocol. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties had elected 10 members of the Bureau to serve until the closure of its fifteenth meeting. As all countries represented were Parties to the Protocol, the members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties also served as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

13. Thus, in addition to the President, the Bureau for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol comprised:

- Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana)
- Mr. Melesse Maryo (Ethiopia)
- Mr. Vinod Mathur (India) (replacing Ms. Sujata Arora)
- Ms. Leina El-Awadhi (Kuwait)
- Ms. Teona Karchava (Georgia)
- Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania)
- Ms. Andrea Meza Murillo (Costa Rica) (replacing Ms. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez)
- Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda)
- Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria)
- Ms. Rosemary Paterson (New Zealand)

14. As some of the work mandated by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting was to continue until the closure of part II of the meeting, Mr. Hamdallah Zedan (Egypt) was invited to remain a member of the Bureau, ex officio, as the representative of the Presidency of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

15. It was agreed that the officers who would take office at the closure of the tenth meeting and serve until the end of the eleventh meeting would be elected at part II of the meeting, at which time the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol would elect replacements, as necessary, for those members of the Bureau that represented a Party to the Convention but not a Party to the Cartagena Protocol.

16. At the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, it was agreed that, on the proposal of the Bureau, Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania) would serve as Rapporteur for the meeting.

#### *Election of officers of subsidiary bodies*

17. At its opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties decided to postpone the elections of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological

Advice and of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation until the end of part II of the meeting. The Conference of the Parties also decided to maintain the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in office until part II of the meeting.

**Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol**

18. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol took up agenda item 3 at the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau was to examine and report on the credentials of delegations. Accordingly, the President informed the body that the Bureau had designated Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana), a Vice-President of the Bureau, to examine and report on credentials.

19. At the *[to be completed]* plenary session of part I of the meeting, on *[to be completed]*, Mr. Okoree informed the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that *[to be completed]* Parties were registered as attending the meeting. The Bureau had examined the credentials of the representatives of *[to be completed]* Parties that were attending the meeting. The credentials of *[to be completed]* delegations were in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure. Those of *[to be completed]* delegations did not fully comply with rule 18 and a further *[to be completed]* delegations had not presented their credentials to date.

**Item 4. Reports of subsidiary bodies**

20. *[to be completed]*

**Item 5. Report of the Compliance Committee**

21. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol took up agenda item 5 at the *[to be completed]* session of part I of the meeting, on *[to be completed]*, and decided to defer consideration of the recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the election of new members of the Compliance Committee until part II of the meeting.

**Item 6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds**

22. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol took up agenda item 6 at the opening session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021. In considering the item, it had before it an interim report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and its Protocols, including the budget for the respective trust funds (CBD/CP/MOP/10/3).

23. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to establish a contact group on the budget, with a mandate to review the matter and prepare a draft budget for the programme of work for 2022, for the consideration of the Parties. The contact group would be chaired by Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada), would be open to all Parties and would meet informally at the invitation of the chair, with meetings advertised in advance in the daily calendar of meetings.

24. At the *[to be completed]* plenary session, on *[to be completed]*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol heard an update on the work of the contact group on budget *[to be completed]*.

25. *[to be completed]*

**Item 18. Other matters**

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol took up agenda item 18 at the *[to be completed]* session of part I of the meeting, on *[to be completed]*.

27. *[to be completed]*

**Item 19. Adoption of the report**

28. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol adopted the present report at the *[to be completed]* plenary session of part I of the meeting, on *[to be completed]*, based on the

draft report presented by the Rapporteur (CBD/CP/MOP/10/Part-1-L.1), on the understanding that it would be completed to reflect the full proceedings of the current meeting and that the full report would be considered and adopted at part II of the meeting.

**Item 20. Closure of the meeting**

29. At the [*to be completed*] plenary session of part I of the meeting, on [*to be completed*], the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol agreed to suspend its tenth meeting and resume it from 25 April to 8 May 2022 in Kunming, China.

30. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, part I of the meeting was formally closed at [*to be completed*], on [*to be completed*].

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