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Report of the Compliance Committee

Compliance

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

1. *Notes* that a number of Parties have not designated the national focal points, competent national authorities or contact points required under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;[1]

2. *Reminds* Parties of their obligation to designate their national focal points for the Cartagena Protocol, in compliance with Article 19 of the Protocol, and of the need to designate their Biosafety Clearing-House national focal points, in accordance with the modalities of operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House, and to keep the information up to date;[2]

3. *Also reminds* Parties of their obligation to make available through the Biosafety Clearing-House the contact details of one or more competent national authorities, in accordance with Article 19 of the Cartagena Protocol, and urges those Parties that have not yet done so to make that information available, as a matter of priority;

4. *Further reminds* Parties of their obligation to designate a point of contact for the purposes of receiving notifications under Article 17 of the Cartagena Protocol, and urges those that have not yet done so to make such designations as soon as possible;

5. *Urges* Parties that are developing their biosafety regulatory frameworks to expedite their work, recognizing that Parties are required under the Cartagena Protocol to take measures for its implementation and that such measures will contribute to achieving Target 17 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;[3]

6. *Welcomes* the support provided to several Parties by the United Nations Environment Programme, through its Law and Environment Assistance Platform, and Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, for the development of their biosafety regulatory frameworks, and calls upon donors to provide financial resources and upon capacity-building providers to facilitate technical assistance and regional cooperation in that regard;

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.
[2] Decision BS-I/3, annex.
[3] Decision 15/4, annex.

7. *Reminds* Parties of their obligation to publish their legal measures for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

8. *Recalls* the caution in decision CP-11/1 B of 30 October 2024, and welcomes the funding extended by the Global Environment Facility to the cautioned Parties to prepare their fourth and fifth national reports;

9. *Welcomes* the submission of the fourth and fifth national reports by Belize and Libya, which resolves their non-compliance with the reporting obligation;

10. *Expresses grave concern* that Papua New Guinea has not submitted its third, fourth or fifth national report;

11. *Requests* the Committee to consider possible measures to address the repeated non-compliance of Papua New Guinea with its reporting obligation and make a recommendation in that regard to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol for consideration at its thirteenth meeting;

12. *Encourages* Parties facing difficulties complying with one or more obligations under the Cartagena Protocol to seek assistance from the Compliance Committee under the Protocol or the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.[4]

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.