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LIAISON GROUP ON THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Thirteenth meeting
Montreal, Canada, 22-25 October 2019

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in decision [14/34](#), agreed on the process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In its decision [CP-9/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol welcomed decision 14/34 and stressed the importance of including biosafety in the post-2020 global biodiversity and the necessity of developing a post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol.
2. In its decision CP-9/7, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to expand the mandate and scope of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety,¹ as outlined in the annex to the decision, and to rename it “Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”. It requested the Liaison Group to contribute to the development of the relevant elements of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to the post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol.
3. Through decision [14/24](#), the Conference of the Parties decided on a process for the preparation of a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020. In its decision [CP-9/3](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol took note of decision 14/24 and acknowledged the need for a specific action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol that is aligned with the post-2020 implementation plan and complementary to the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020. The Parties to the Protocol also welcomed the indicative schedule of activities for the development of the post-2020 capacity-building action plan as contained in the annex to decision CP-9/3.
4. In its decisions, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol requested the Executive Secretary to convene a face-to-face meeting of the Liaison Group, to be held in 2019, to (a) prepare a draft of the biosafety component in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework with regard to issues related to the Cartagena Protocol, (b) review the draft post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol; (c) contribute to the development of the draft post-2020 capacity-building action plan; and (d) contribute to the development of the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, as appropriate.
5. Accordingly, the thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 22 to 25 October 2019, at the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

¹ The Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was originally established as part of the Coordination Mechanism for capacity building, through decision BS-I/5. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol extended the mandate of the Group through decision BS-VI/3.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Secretariat at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

7. The Liaison Group will be invited to elect its officers from among the members participating in the meeting.

8. The Liaison Group will also be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary ([CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/1](#)) and to adopt its organization of work on the basis of the annex below.

ITEM 3. OVERVIEW OF POST-2020 PROCESSES AS THEY RELATE TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AND OVERVIEW OF THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK OF THE LIAISON GROUP

9. As outlined in paragraphs 1 to 3 above, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol adopted a number of interrelated decisions setting out steps for different processes towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In addition, decision [CP-9/6](#) on the assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol foresees a role for the Liaison Group in the fourth assessment and review of the Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020.

10. A document giving an overview of post-2020 processes and an intersessional work plan for the Liaison Group (CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/2) has been prepared in order to elucidate the linkages between the different decisions related to post-2020 and how the processes are being organized and also to provide an overview of the work to be undertaken by the Liaison Group in the 2019-2020 intersessional period.

11. Under this agenda item, a representative of the Secretariat will deliver a presentation outlining the processes and their current status as well as the work to be undertaken by the Liaison Group.

ITEM 4. POST-2020 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

12. In its decision CP-9/7, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol decided to develop a post-2020 implementation plan anchored in and complementary to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the development of its elements.

13. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft implementation plan on the basis of the submission of views by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations on the structure and content of the implementation plan. The Executive Secretary was also requested to convene open-ended online discussions of Parties and other stakeholders on the draft of the implementation plan.

14. Submissions were invited through notification 2019-027. The views on the structure and content of the implementation plan have been synthesized in section II of document CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/1.

15. The draft Implementation Plan was discussed at the open-ended online discussions on the Implementation Plan, held from 8 to 19 July 2019. The report of the online discussion is available as an information document to the Liaison Group (CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/2). Taking into consideration the input provided during the online discussions, the Executive Secretary revised the draft implementation plan.

16. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to review the revised draft implementation plan, presented in document CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/3.

17. Following the meeting of the Liaison Group, the draft implementation plan will be made available for peer review and subsequently submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for consideration at its third meeting, in accordance with decision CP-9/7.

**ITEM 5. POST-2020 ACTION PLAN FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL AND ITS SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL**

18. In its decision CP-9/3, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol invited Parties and observers to provide views on the post-2020 capacity-building action plan. The views submitted have been synthesized in CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/1, section III.

19. The Parties to the Protocol requested the Liaison Group at its thirteenth meeting to contribute to the development of the draft post-2020 capacity-building action plan and, at its fourteenth meeting, to review the final draft post-2020 capacity-building action plan, taking into account information provided in the fourth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol.

20. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will consider document CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/4 with a view to contributing to the development of the post-2020 capacity-building action plan and decide on next steps in the development process.

21. Following the fourteenth meeting of the Liaison Group, the post-2020 capacity-building action plan will be submitted for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its third meeting.

**ITEM 6. DRAFT BIOSAFETY COMPONENT OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL
BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

22. In its decision 14/34, the Conference of the Parties agreed on a process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It also established the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

23. In its decision CP-9/7, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol took note of the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and welcomed decision 14/34. The Parties to the Protocol requested the Liaison Group to contribute to the development of the relevant elements of the biosafety component in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

24. Through notification 2019-027, submissions were invited on the relevant elements of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. These views have been synthesized in CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/1, section IV.

25. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol requested the Executive Secretary to convene dedicated sessions to discuss biosafety matters during the global and regional consultation workshops referred to in decision 14/34. The Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol will be held in Nairobi on 25 August 2019, immediately prior to the first meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. A discussion document was prepared for the Global Consultation, which provided, among other things, a summary of the views submitted on relevant elements of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The discussion document will be made available to the Liaison Group as an information document ([CBD/POST2020/WS/2019/7/2](#)). The report of the Global Consultation (CBD/POST2020/WS/2019/7/3) will also be made available to the Liaison Group as an information document.

26. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider the document on the draft biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/5), prepare a draft of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and make suggestions on next steps in this regard.

ITEM 7. LONG-TERM STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS BEYOND 2020

27. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision 14/24, decided on the elements of the process for the preparation of a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020. Among other things, the process included the development of a study to provide the knowledge base for the preparation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and the organization of consultative workshops and online discussion forums, carried out in conjunction with the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

28. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to submit a draft of the strategic framework for capacity-building to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for consideration at its third meeting and for subsequent consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

29. In its decision CP-9/3, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol requested the Liaison Group at its thirteenth meeting to contribute to the development of the strategic framework for capacity-building, as appropriate.

30. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will consider next steps in the process to contribute to the development of the strategic framework for capacity-building. A presentation will be delivered by the Secretariat on the status of preparation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and opportunities to contribute to the process.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

31. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider any other matters of relevance.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

32. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to adopt the report of the meeting.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

33. The meeting is expected to close at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 25 October 2019.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Date and time	Agenda item
22 October 2019	
9.30 - 10.15 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters
10.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3. Overview of post-2020 processes as they relate to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and overview of the intersessional work of the Liaison Group 4. Post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol
2 – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
23 October 2019	
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	5. Post-2020 action plan for capacity-building for the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol
2 – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 – 5.30 p.m.	6. Draft biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
24 October 2019	
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 6 (<i>continued</i>)
2 – 5:30 p.m.	7. Long-term strategic framework for capacity-building for the Convention and its Protocols beyond 2020
25 October 2019	
9.30 -12.30 p.m.	8. Other matters 9. Adoption of the report 10. Closure of the meeting
2 – 5.30 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda items 9 and 10 as needed</i>

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/2	Overview of post-2020 processes and intersessional work plan for the Liaison Group
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/3	Draft post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/4	Development of the post-2020 action plan for capacity-building for the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/5	Development of the draft biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/1	Synthesis of views of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and observers on the post-2020 processes for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/2	Report on the open-ended online discussions on the post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CBD/POST2020/WS/2019/7/1	Biosafety within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
CBD/POST2020/WS/2019/7/3	Report on the Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol
