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PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 8

CAPACITY-BUILDING (ARTICLE 22)

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I

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

Recalling decisions [BS-VI/3](#) and [CP-VIII/3](#),

1. *Takes note* of the progress report on the implementation of the short-term action plan (2017-2020) to enhance and support capacity-building for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols;¹
2. *Also takes note* of the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2012-2020);
3. *Urges* Parties, for the remaining period of the Framework and Action Plan, to prioritize and focus on, as appropriate, operational objectives relating to the development of national biosafety legislation, risk assessment, detection and identification of living modified organisms, and public awareness, education and participation, and *takes note* of the importance of biosafety mainstreaming and sharing of information and experience for further strengthening national biosafety frameworks in the remaining period of the Framework and Action Plan and beyond;
4. *Also urges* Parties to prioritize, as appropriate, capacity-building activities on liability and redress as set out under focal area 4 of the Framework and Action Plan, in the remaining period of the Framework and Action Plan, in view of the recent entry into force of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress;
5. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in a position to do so to provide additional financial and technical support to enable developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, to further implement the Framework and Action Plan;
6. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the twelfth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building on Biosafety, *acknowledges* 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 specific follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and complementary to the long-term strategic

¹ The updated report is contained in information document CBD/COP/14/INF/10.

framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and *welcomes* the indicative schedule of activities for the development of the specific action plan contained in the annex to the present decision;

7. *Takes note* of decision 14/--,² in which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to commission a study, subject to the availability of resources, to provide an information base for the preparation of a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, *welcomes* the terms of reference for the study annexed to that decision, and *requests* that aspects relevant to the Cartagena Protocol be considered in the study;

8. *Invites* Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to provide the Executive Secretary with views and suggestions on the possible elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 as well as possible elements of a specific action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, covering the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol;

9. *Also invites* Parties, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to participate in the consultative workshops and online discussion forums on the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, in conjunction with the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

10. *Requests* the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, at its thirteenth meeting, to contribute to the development of (a) the draft action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol and (b) the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, as appropriate, and, at its fourteenth meeting, to review the final draft of the action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, taking into account information provided in the fourth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To compile information on views and suggestions from Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations referred to in paragraph 8 above;

(b) To ensure an adequate level of participation of biosafety experts, including those with expertise on the Supplementary Protocol, during consultations throughout the development of the strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020;

(c) To submit (i) a draft action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol and (ii) a draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting and for subsequent consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its tenth meeting;

12. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to facilitate and support implementation of the priority capacity-building activities for supporting the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety contained in the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2012-2020), as contained in annex I to decision BS-VI/3, and in accordance with the Short-term Action Plan (2017-2020) to Enhance and Support Capacity-Building for the Implementation of the Convention and its Protocols as annexed to decision XIII/23 of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex

INDICATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

The process for preparing a specific action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol that is aligned with the specific follow-up to the

² The draft COP decision referred to in the present paragraph will be addressed under agenda item 10 of the Conference of the Parties.

Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and complementary to the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 will include the following activities, to be aligned with the timetable for the development of a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020:

<i>Activity/Task</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
1. Invitation to Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to provide views and suggestions on possible elements of a specific action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, covering the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol, and compilation of this information by the Secretariat	Dec 2018 - Feb 2019	Secretariat; Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations
2. Contribution from the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, to the development of the draft action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol, taking into account views and suggestions provided by Parties	Mar-Sept 2019	Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety; Secretariat
3. Preparation of a draft action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol	Oct-Dec 2019	Secretariat
4. Review of the draft action plan for capacity-building on biosafety by the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, taking into account information provided in the fourth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol	Feb-Mar 2020	Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety
5. Notification inviting views on the final draft action plan for capacity-building for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol and compilation of views by the Secretariat	Apr-May 2020	Secretariat; Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations
6. Consideration of the final draft action plan for capacity-building for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting	Jun 2020	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, third meeting
7. Consideration of the draft action plan by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for possible adoption, taking into account the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation	October 2020	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, tenth meeting
