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TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON
BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 8

Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)

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,

Recalling Article 33 and decision CP-9/5, in which Parties were requested to prepare and submit to the Secretariat their fourth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol,

Also recalling decision CP-9/5, in which it accepted the invitation of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention contained in decision 14/27, and decided to have a synchronized national reporting cycle,

A. Fourth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol

1. *Welcomes* the 135 complete fourth national reports submitted through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

2. *Expresses concern* about the low number of fourth national reports submitted;

3. *Also expresses concern* about delays in submitting the projects to the Global Environment Facility to support eligible Parties in the preparation of their fourth national reports, noting that such funding was not available before the deadline for the submission of fourth national reports, which is one of the factors that may have affected the submission rate;

4. *Urges* Parties that have not yet submitted their fourth national report to do so as soon as possible;¹

5. *Notes with concern* that, of the Parties that have not yet submitted their fourth national report, some Parties have also not submitted their third national report;²

6. *Reminds* Parties of their obligation to publish their national reports on the Biosafety Clearing-House, in accordance with Article 20 of the Protocol;

¹ Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Fiji, Honduras, Jordan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Trinidad and Tobago and Yemen.

² Azerbaijan, Belize, Libya, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles and Syrian Arab Republic.

7. *Encourages* Parties that have submitted their report in an offline format to ensure its publication on the Biosafety Clearing-House in coordination with the Secretariat, as necessary;

8. *Urges* Parties that have submitted an incomplete fourth national report to provide the missing information as soon as possible;

B. Fifth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol

9. *Welcomes* the draft format for the fifth national reports as contained in the annex to document CBD/CP/MOP/10/5, and requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To make any necessary adjustments to the questions in light of the final text of the indicators of the post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety as adopted in decision CP-10/--;

(b) To make the final format available online through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

10. *Requests* Parties to use the final format for the preparation of their fifth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

11. *Invites* Parties to prepare their reports through a consultative process involving indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and all relevant national stakeholders, as appropriate;

12. *Encourages* Parties to respond to all questions in the reporting format, and stresses the importance of the timely submission of fifth national reports in order to facilitate the mid-term evaluation of the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

13. *Requests* Parties and invites other Governments to submit to the Secretariat their fifth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety:

(a) In an official language of the United Nations;

(b) At the same time as the seventh national reports under the Convention are due;³

(c) Through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

14. *Requests* Parties experiencing challenges submitting their national report through the Biosafety Clearing-House to coordinate with the Secretariat to facilitate the publication of their national report in the Biosafety Clearing-House;

15. *Recognizes* that the fifth national reports will also be an important source of information, along with other sources, for measuring progress under the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol as set out in paragraph 20 of the capacity-building action plan;

16. *Urges* eligible Parties to submit their letters of commitment to the implementing agency in a timely manner to ensure that projects to support the preparation of fifth national reports can be submitted to the Global Environment Facility for approval well before the deadline for the submission of the reports;

17. *Notes* decision 15/-- (on reporting) and decision 15/-- (on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework) by the Conference of the Parties and *encourages* Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to contribute to national processes for the preparation of the seventh national reports under the Convention, including by providing information related to targets relevant for biosafety.

³ Decision 15/-- (reporting) of the Conference of the Parties.