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

Ninth meeting
Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 17-29 November 2018
Agenda item 5

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

9/1. Compliance

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

Welcoming the activities undertaken by the Compliance Committee in the last biennium, in line with its supportive role in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and *taking note* of its recommendations as contained in the annex to its report,¹

1. *Reminds* Parties of their responsibility and obligation to take the necessary and appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol;
2. *Also reminds* Parties of their obligation to monitor the implementation of the obligations under the Protocol, in accordance with Article 33;
3. *Recalls* that Parties facing difficulties in complying with one or more obligations under the Protocol are encouraged to seek assistance from the Compliance Committee;
4. *Requests* Parties to collaborate fully when requested to provide information in relation to their compliance with obligations under the Protocol;
5. *Invites* Parties that have made progress in complying with certain obligations to share relevant information in the free-text fields in the reporting format for the fourth national report or through bilateral or regional cooperation on the circumstances that may have contributed to their progress;
6. *Encourages* Parties to use the free-text fields in the reporting format for the fourth national report to explain responses provided, and *invites* Parties that are facing challenges in complying with certain obligations to share information on the challenges encountered in the free-text fields in the reporting format for the fourth national report;
7. *Notes* with appreciation the efforts made by Parties to comply with their obligations under the Protocol to make information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House;
8. *Urges* Parties to make all required information available in the Biosafety Clearing-House in a timely manner, in particular risk assessments and final decisions relating to the first intentional transboundary movement of living modified organisms for intentional introduction into the environment, including living modified organisms intended for field trials;

¹ CBD/CP/MOP/9/2.

9. *Reminds* Parties of the need to maintain up-to-date details of their national focal points on the Biosafety Clearing-House;

10. *Urges* Parties to coordinate at the national level to avoid inconsistency of information in the national reports and the Biosafety Clearing-House and *encourages* communication between national focal points and competent national authorities;

11. *Reminds* Parties of the importance of engaging constructively with all stakeholders, including with industry the public, indigenous peoples and local communities, and women for the effective implementation of the Protocol;

12. *Encourages* Parties to mainstream biosafety in their educational systems;

13. *Urges* Parties and *invites* other Governments to provide voluntary funds in support of those Parties requested by the Committee to develop and implement compliance action plans;

14. *Encourages* Parties to allocate funds to biosafety in national budgets, to the extent possible;

15. *Notes* with regret that one Party has not submitted its national reports over multiple reporting cycles;

16. *Also notes* that the Compliance Committee and the Executive Secretary have contacted the Party referred to in paragraph 15 above on numerous occasions, in accordance with decision BS-V/1, including by offering support in preparing its reports;

17. *Requests* the Party referred to in paragraph 15 above, as a matter of urgency, to submit its third national report;

18. *Encourages* the Party referred to in paragraph 15 above to seek the assistance of the Compliance Committee in accordance with decision BS-V/1, should it require support in preparing its reports.
