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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 17

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

9/12. Transit and contained use of living modified organisms (Article 6)

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

Recalling decisions [BS-V/2](#), paragraph 1(a), and [BS-VII/2](#), paragraph 2(b),

Also recalling decision [CP-VIII/17](#),

1. *Takes note* of the assessment by the Compliance Committee of information submitted by Parties on the Biosafety Clearing-House as decisions under contained use;¹

2. *Reminds* Parties that:

(a) Article 3, paragraph (b) of the Protocol sets out the definition of contained use, namely “any operation, undertaken within a facility, installation or other physical structure, which involves living modified organisms that are controlled by specific measures that effectively limit their contact with, and their impact on, the external environment”;

(b) Intentional introduction into the environment can include introduction both for experimental or for commercial purposes;

(c) A field trial, confined field trial or experimental introduction is to be regarded as intentional introduction into the environment when the conditions specified in Article 3, paragraph b, of the Protocol are not met;

3. *Also reminds* Parties of their obligation under Article 20, paragraph 3(d), and *encourages* other Governments to publish in the Biosafety Clearing-House their final decisions regarding the importation or release of living modified organisms;

4. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to cooperate, share experiences and promote capacity development to support the implementation of specific measures for contained use that effectively limit the contact of living modified organisms with, and their impact on, the external environment, in accordance with Article 3, paragraph (b), of the Protocol.

¹ See CBD/CP/MOP/9/2.