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THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 11

### DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

#### CP-10/5. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)

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

*Reaffirming* the key role of the Biosafety Clearing-House as an information-sharing mechanism facilitating the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and related capacity-building actions, and noting the increasing relevance of the Biosafety Clearing-House for online forums,

1. *Welcomes* the migration of the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House to its new platform and the improvements made in accordance with the joint modalities of operation for the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House endorsed in decision CP-9/2;
2. *Calls upon* Parties and other Governments to publish information available at the national level in the Biosafety Clearing-House in accordance with the obligations of the Protocol;
3. *Calls upon* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to review records they have previously published in the Biosafety Clearing-House to verify their accuracy on the new platform and to make any revisions or updates as necessary in a timely manner;
4. *Takes note* of goal A.2 and related capacity-building activities in the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety<sup>1</sup> and the Capacity-building Action Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety<sup>2</sup> and invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to carry out related activities with a view to further strengthening the role of the Biosafety Clearing-House in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol;
5. *Welcomes* the successful implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme — Global Environment Facility “Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House” (BCH III Project) and invites the United Nations Environment Programme to develop further capacity-building projects related to the Biosafety Clearing-House;

<sup>1</sup> Decision CP-10/3, annex.

<sup>2</sup> Decision CP-10/4, annex.

6. *Also welcomes* the collaborative activities undertaken between the biosafety databases of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Biosafety Clearing-House;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to maintain and make necessary improvements to the Biosafety Clearing-House, including:

(a) Translating further pages of the Biosafety Clearing-House, including new features and content as they are developed to ensure that the Biosafety Clearing-House is available in the six official languages of the United Nations;

(b) Exploring how the Bioland tool can be used to facilitate the linkage between national websites and the Biosafety Clearing-House, and other mechanisms that allow national clearing-houses to retrieve information from the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(c) Continuing to ensure information in the clearing-house is up-to-date;

8. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To develop capacity-building materials based on priorities identified by Parties and to conduct trainings on the new functionalities of the Biosafety Clearing-House including as a contribution to the key activities highlighted in the Capacity-building Action Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted in decision CP-10/4;

(b) To explore options for and implement a coordinated approach to the web infrastructure for online forums across the clearing-houses;

(c) To continue collaborating with other biosafety-related databases and organizations.

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