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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

Eighth meeting

Cancun, Mexico, 4-17 December 2016

Agenda item 4

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

VIII/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

Noting the useful role that regional cooperation may play in supporting compliance with the Protocol,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by Parties in complying with their obligations under the Protocol, yet *notes* with concern that, 13 years after the entry into force of the Protocol, a large number of Parties are not in full compliance in relation to most obligations under the Protocol;

2. *Urges* Parties to make use of all available means of support to assist them in fulfilling their obligations;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of continuous and predictable support by the Global Environment Facility to eligible Parties to support their compliance with obligations under the Protocol;

4. *Urges* Parties that have not yet completely put in place legal, administrative and other measures to implement their obligations under the Protocol to do so, paying particular attention to the importance of putting in place monitoring systems as a prerequisite for effective reporting;

¹ UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/2.

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, as appropriate and following guidance provided by the Committee, to continue following up with Parties that have not yet fully complied with their obligations under the Protocol, and *requests* Parties to collaborate fully in this regard;

6. *Notes* with regret that one Party has not submitted its interim, first, second or third national reports;

7. *Also notes* that the Compliance Committee and the Executive Secretary have contacted the Party referred to in paragraph 6 above on numerous occasions, in accordance with decision BS-V/1, including by offering support in preparing its reports;

8. *Urges* the Party referred to in paragraph 6 above, as a matter of urgency, to submit its third national report to fulfil its obligation;

9. *Encourages* the Party referred to in paragraph 6 above to accept the offers of assistance of the Compliance Committee and any other assistance, should it require support to prepare its report.
