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PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 8

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

VIII/5. Financial mechanism and resources

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

Recalling Article 28 of the Cartagena Protocol,

Having considered the information on biosafety in the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its thirteenth meeting,¹

Having also considered the information on biosafety contained in the report of the expert team on a full assessment of the funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility,²

Bearing in mind the previous decisions on guidance to the financial mechanism regarding programme priorities to support the ratification and implementation of the Cartagena Protocol,

1. *Takes note* of the consolidated previous guidance to the financial mechanism related to the Cartagena Protocol;³

2. *Recommends* to the Conference of the Parties that it include the following elements in the four-year (2018-2022) outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund:

(a) Outcome 1: Increased number of ratifications of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress;

(b) Outcome 2: National implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress enhanced;

¹ UNEP/CBD/COP/13/12/Add.1.

² UNEP/CBD/COP/13/12/Add.2.

³ See UNEP/CBD/COP/13/12, annex II, section B.

(c) Outcome 3: Parties deliver their reporting obligations under the Protocol, through submission of national reports and of relevant information through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

3. *Also recommends* to the Conference of the Parties that it:

(a) Give full consideration to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in the terms of reference to be adopted for the fifth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism under the Convention;

(b) Invite Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to respond proactively to the survey for the fifth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism under the Convention;

4. *Further recommends* to the Conference of the Parties, in adopting its guidance to the financial mechanism, with respect to support for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, that it invite the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To continue to make specific funding available to eligible Parties to put in place their national biosafety frameworks;

(b) To continue to fund projects and capacity-building activities on issues identified by the Parties to facilitate further implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, including regional cooperation projects with a view to facilitating the sharing of experiences and lessons learned, and harnessing associated synergies;

(c) To ensure that the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria adopted in annex I to decision I/2 of the Conference of the Parties are duly followed in an efficient manner in relation to access and utilization of financial resources.
