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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 9

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

VIII/6. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives

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

Recalling its decisions BS-II/6, BS-V/6, BS-VI/6 and BS-VII/6,

Welcoming the information provided by the Executive Secretary on activities undertaken to improve cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives,¹

Also welcoming the cooperation of the Executive Secretary, over the last intersessional period, with, *inter alia*, the World Trade Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Plant Protection Convention, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the Aarhus Convention), the European Union Reference Laboratory for GM Food and Feed of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, the Green Customs Initiative, the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the African Union Commission, the Mexican National Centre of Reference for the Detection of Genetically Modified Organisms (CNRDOGM) and the National Institute of Biology of Slovenia,

Underlining the importance of cooperation and coordination among relevant organizations, multilateral agreements and initiatives for the effective implementation of the Protocol and the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020, adopted at the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol,²

¹ See UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/6.

² See decision BS-V/16.

1. *Urges* Parties to improve and strengthen collaboration at the regional and national levels among focal points of organizations, conventions and initiatives relevant to the implementation of the Biosafety Protocol, as appropriate;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funds, to continue cooperation with other relevant organizations, conventions and initiatives, including relevant entities at the national and regional levels, and involving, where applicable, experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, with a view to meeting the strategic objective in focal area 5, on outreach and cooperation, of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
