

CBD/SBI/3/4 Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Statement by Norway

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chair,

Norway supports the proposals for decisions for all thematic areas in the analysis performed as part of the assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol.

Topics of special interest for Norway, and that has been the focus of our work under the Protocol are risk assessment and risk management, socio-economic considerations, capacity building and implementation of the Protocol. In addition, we would like to emphasize the importance for more Parties to ratify the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and to encourage further information-sharing through the Biosafety Clearing-House.

Norway stresses the importance of thorough risk assessments and proper risk management of living modified organisms, and support the need mentioned by Parties of further capacity-building work to strengthen experience on risk assessment and risk management, including on the use of available guidance documents.

In regards to socio-economic considerations, in line with other Parties, Norway sees the need for more research to be performed in this field, both local and international studies, to promote further development of a methodological framework defining appropriate socioeconomic indicators and rules for data collection.

Further work to fully take the necessary measures to implement the Protocol by all Parties is of high importance to Norway, and we strongly support the work undertaken by the Compliance Committee to address compliance issues and their role in the progress of implementation of the Protocol by Parties.

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chair