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NOTIFICATION

Report of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/5) requesting action from Parties and other Governments

Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the final report of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held in Nagoya, Japan, 11 to 15 October 2010 (document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/17) is currently available at the website of the Secretariat: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MOP-05>. Furthermore, I would like to bring to your attention the relevant parts of the decisions that request direct action from Parties and other Governments, as part of the programme of work, over the next biennium.

The meeting adopted a number of decisions requesting action from Parties and other Governments on a number of issues that were before the meeting for its consideration. Please find attached herewith a summary list of the requests and decisions addressed to Parties and other Governments together with the action dates, where appropriate. Also attached, for ease of reference, is a table with the requests arranged in a chronological matter. Please refer to the report, for the full text of the decisions.

I would like to draw your attention in particular to those requests that call for the submission of pertinent information and/or views to the Secretariat in preparation for the sixth meeting of the COP-MOP. In order to facilitate timely preparations of background documents, it would be appreciated if the appropriate information is submitted no later than 6 months before the sixth meeting of the COP-MOP, namely no later than 1 April 2012.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for the support your Government has provided to date to the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and look forward to your continued cooperation.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) National Focal Points
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT 1
SUMMARY OF REQUESTS AND DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARIAT
(as derived from the decisions of COP-MOP/5 contained in annex I to UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/17)

	Requested action/information	Date of action (as appropriate)
DECISION BS-V/1 - REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE		
BS-V/1	3. Encourages Parties that are facing difficulties complying with one or more of their obligations under the Protocol due to lack of capacity to make a submission to the Compliance Committee relating to their compliance so that the Committee or the conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol could consider taking facilitative and supportive measures, as appropriate, with a view to helping the Party overcome the difficulties.	On-going
DECISION BS-V/2 - OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE		
BS-V/2	1. Reminds Parties of their obligations, and invites other Governments, to: (a) Provide to the Biosafety Clearing-House, in a timely manner, complete and accurate information on final decisions pertaining living modified organisms and the risk assessment summaries regarding such decisions, as well as risk assessment summaries for all instances when requested by the Protocol including, inter alia, intentional introductions of living modified organisms into the environment for field trials regardless on whether or not the living modified organism will be subjected to future transboundary movements or commercialization;	On-going
BS-V/2	(b) Cooperate fully with the Secretariat in its efforts to maintain complete information in the Biosafety Clearing-House;	
BS-V/2	(c) Indicate and document specific obstacles preventing or hindering the effective use of the Biosafety Clearing-House;	
BS-V/2	2. Invites Parties, other Governments and users of the Biosafety Clearing-House to continue making relevant biosafety information available through the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (BIRC);	On-going
BS-V/2	3. Also invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to consider the implementation of the “LMO quick-link” tool by their relevant national agencies when reference is made to a living modified organism;	On-going
BS-V/2	4. Requests Parties and invites other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary views on the changes made during the last intersessional period to the (i) common formats, (ii) registration procedure, (iii) tools for the analysis of search results and (iv) graphic representations of data, and requests the Executive Secretary take these views into account for future improvements of the Biosafety Clearing-House;	On-going

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BS-V/2	<p>6. Also requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate, through the Biosafety Clearing-House, online forums and conferences on topics relevant to biosafety and the implementation of the Protocol, in particular to facilitate the common understanding of the use of certain terms of Article 20 of the Protocol and of the type of information that should be made available in risk assessments submitted to the Biosafety Clearing-House;</p> <p>7. Requests Parties and invites other Government and relevant organizations to participate actively in the activities mentioned in paragraph 6 above with the view to reaching an adequate level of regional participation and ensuring that the results of the discussion may be taken into account;</p>	On-going
BS-V/2	10. Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations to provide funding and to strengthen and expand on initiatives aimed at overcoming obstacles encountered by developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in meeting their obligations under Article 20 of the Protocol, including capacity-building and the development of infrastructure necessary for facilitating the retrieval and submission of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House;	On-going
BS-V/2	11. Requests Parties and invites other Governments to identify their needs regarding national Biosafety Clearing-House nodes in a detailed manner through the Biosafety Clearing-House, and requests the United Nations Environment Programme, through the ongoing “Project for Continued Enhancement of Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-II project)”, and the Executive Secretary to provide the necessary support for the needs identified;	Within the GEF-5 programme cycle
BS-V/2	12. Encourages Parties, relevant United Nations bodies and relevant international organizations to continue training activities at the national and regional levels and welcomes the offer by the Republic of Korea and the Islamic Republic of Iran to host sub-regional workshops in 2011 in cooperation with relevant international organizations;	2011
BS-V/2	<p>5. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue providing assistance and information to Parties on how to submit and retrieve information from the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House and to explore innovative ways for assisting Parties in making information in the Biosafety Clearing-House available also in languages other than the official United Nations languages;</p> <p>13. Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to make funds available for the operationalization of the paragraph 5 above for the benefit of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition;</p>	On-going

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DECISION BS-V/3 - CAPACITY-BUILDING		
BS-V/3	Action plan	
BS-V/3	2. Urges Parties and other Governments that have not yet done so to submit reports on their capacity-building activities undertaken in support of the Action Plan within the next six months using the online format available in the Biosafety Clearing-House to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan;	Before April 2011
BS-V/3	4. Invites developed country Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to take into account the specific capacity needs identified by Parties in their bilateral and multilateral assistance, targeting such assistance to where resources are needed for the implementation of the Protocol;	On-going
BS-V/3	5. Invites Parties and other Governments to develop institutional frameworks and long-term research-based knowledge for the purpose of assessing relevant information and regulating, managing, monitoring and controlling risks of living modified organisms;	On-going
BS-V/3	6. Urges Parties and other Governments that have not yet submitted their prioritized needs to the Biosafety Clearing-House, and those Parties and other Governments that have already submitted but wish to revise their submissions, to do so within six months, to enable the Secretariat to prepare a more representative and comprehensive needs assessment report to facilitate the next comprehensive review of the Action Plan;	Before April 2011
BS-V/3	7. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake a comprehensive needs assessment every four years and invites Parties to complete the needs assessment at least 12 months before the meeting of the Parties that would consider the needs assessment report;	Before MOP/7
BS-V/3	<i>Biosafety education and training</i>	On-going
BS-V/3	11. Invites Parties and other Governments to: (a) Support existing biosafety education and training initiatives, including mobility support, and facilitate the development new initiatives;	On-going
BS-V/3	(b) Establish coordination mechanisms for education and training in biosafety at national, subregional and regional levels;	On-going
BS-V/3	(c) Commission country surveys/studies to establish baseline data on the current situation regarding education and training related to biosafety and make the information to the Biosafety Clearing-House;	On-going
BS-V/3	(d) Make available to academic institutions relevant documents (including “real-life” dossiers and full risk assessment reports), where available, for educational purposes, while respecting the need to protect confidential information in accordance with Article 21 of the Protocol;	On-going

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BS-V/3	13. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, by 30 June 2011, relevant information that might facilitate the comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan as well as views and suggestions on possible revisions to the Action Plan;	Before 30 June 2011
BS-V/3	BS-IV/3 paragraph 17: <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, at least six months before the sixth meeting of the Parties, information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators; 15. <i>Reiterates</i> its invitation to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, made in paragraph 17 of decision BS-IV/3, to submit to the Executive Secretary information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators in monitoring and evaluating capacity-building activities implemented in support of the Action Plan;	Before 31 March 2012
BS-V/3	18. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to take into account, as appropriate, the findings and recommendations of the expert review in the design and implementation of their biosafety capacity-building initiatives and support programmes;	On-going
BS-V/3	<i>Cooperation on identification of capacity-building needs for research and information exchange on socio-economic considerations</i>	On-going
BS-V/3	22. <i>Invites</i> Parties and other Governments to submit to the Biosafety Clearing-House their capacity-building needs and priorities regarding socio-economic considerations;	On-going
BS-V/3	23. <i>Urges</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary relevant information on socio-economic considerations, including guidance material and case-studies on, <i>inter alia</i> , institutional arrangements and best practices;	On-going
BS-V/3	29. <i>Invites</i> Parties, in collaboration with regional bodies and relevant organizations, to organize regional workshops to facilitate sharing of information and experiences regarding socio-economic considerations;	On-going
	CARRY OVER ITEMS/DECISIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS COP-MOP METINGS	
BS-IV/3	17. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, at least six months before the sixth meeting of the Parties, information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators;	Before 31 March 2012

	Requested action/information	Date of action (as appropriate)
DECISION BS-V/4 - ROSTER OF BIOSAFETY EXPERTS		
BS-V/4	<i>1. Status and use of the roster of experts</i>	On-going
BS-V/4	1. <i>Urges</i> Governments that have not yet done so to nominate experts to the roster;	
BS-V/4	2. <i>Reminds</i> Parties and other Governments, in their nomination of experts to the roster, to take into account the need for gender balance and for balanced coverage of the different areas of expertise in the roster;	On-going
BS-V/4	3. <i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments to facilitate, where appropriate, the release of the experts on the roster, and in a timely and flexible manner, when they are selected by other Parties to undertake assignments under the Protocol;	On-going
BS-V/4	4. Invites Parties and other Governments to submit to the Executive Secretary information regarding their experiences and challenges in nominating to and using experts from the roster of biosafety experts, as well as project future needs with the view to improving the nomination processes and the nomination form at least six months before the sixth meeting of the Parties;	Before 31 March 2012
BS-V/4	5. <i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments to raise the awareness of nominated experts of their obligations, as specified in the guidelines for the roster;	On-going
BS-V/4	<i>II. Pilot phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster</i>	
BS-V/4	9. <i>Invites</i> developed country Parties and other donors to make contributions to the voluntary fund to ensure full operationalization of the roster in order to facilitate implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol (for the period 2011-2020);	On-going
DECISION BS-V/5 - Financial mechanism and resources		
BS-V/5	3. <i>Urges</i> eligible Parties to give priority to biosafety, as appropriate, when applying for GEF funding against their country allocations under the biodiversity focal area;	On-going
BS-V/5	5. <i>Invites</i> developed country Parties to respond to the defined needs of developing country Parties and the Parties with economies in transition for financial and technological resources for the implementation of the Protocol through bilateral, regional and multilateral channels;	On-going
BS-V/5	6. <i>Invites also</i> Parties to provide, in their national reports, under the section of the reporting format that refers to capacity-building, information on their experience in accessing existing funds from the Global Environment Facility;	On-going

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	DECISION BS-V/8.- Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms: Paragraph 2(a) of Article 18	
BS-V/8	1. <i>Requests</i> Parties and <i>urges</i> other Governments to continue to take measures to ensure that the information required by paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18 and paragraph 4 of decision BS-III/10 to identify living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, is incorporated into existing documentation accompanying the living modified organisms, as specified in paragraph 1 of decision BS-III/10;	On-going
BS-V/8	2. <i>Urges</i> Parties to expedite the implementation of their biosafety regulatory frameworks and make available to the Biosafety Clearing-House any laws, regulations and guidelines for the implementation of the Protocol, and any changes to their regulatory requirements related to the identification and documentation of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing;	On-going
BS-V/8	3. <i>Requests</i> Parties and <i>urges</i> other Governments to take measures that facilitate further implementation of decision BS-III/10, in particular its paragraph 4;	On-going
BS-V/8	4. <i>Requests</i> Parties and <i>encourages</i> other Governments, relevant organizations to cooperate with and support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to build capacity to implement the identification requirements of paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18 and related decisions;	On-going
BS-V/8	5. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to develop domestic systems to confirm or use those already established, as appropriate, to prevent imported living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, from being used for other purposes such as introduction into the environment;	On-going
BS-V/8	7. <i>Requests</i> Parties and invites other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, no later than six months prior to the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, further information on experience gained with the implementation of paragraph 4 of decision BS-III/10 as well as the present decision, including any information on obstacles that are encountered in the implementation of these decisions as well as specific capacity-building needs to implement these decisions, and requests the Executive Secretary to compile the information and prepare a synthesis report for consideration by the Parties at their seventh meeting.	6 months prior to MOP/7
	DECISION BS-V/9. Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms: paragraph 3 of Article 18	
BS-V/9	4. <i>Requests</i> Parties and <i>encourages</i> other Governments and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to make available to the Biosafety Clearing-House information on:	On-going
BS-V/9	(a) Standards relevant to the handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms;	
BS-V/9	(b) Existing guidance on the use of relevant international standards;	
BS-V/9	(c) Methods for the detection and identification of living modified organisms.	

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BS-V/9	5. <i>Invites</i> Parties to nominate national and international reference laboratories with the view to establishing, through the Biosafety-Clearing House, an electronic network of laboratories to facilitate the identification of living modified organisms as well as the sharing of information and experience.	Before 1 Nov. 2011
DECISION - BS-V/10. - Rights and/or obligations of Parties of transit of living modified organisms		
BS-V/10	1. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to continue addressing issues related to the transit of living modified organisms through their territories using their domestic administrative and legal systems;	On-going
DECISION BS-V/11 - International rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms		
BS-V/11	A. Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol ON liability and redress TO THE Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	On-going
BS-V/11	3. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to implement the Supplementary Protocol pending its entry into force;	
BS-V/11	4. <i>Calls upon</i> the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to sign the Supplementary Protocol on 7 March 2011 or at the earliest opportunity thereafter and to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval or instruments of accession, as appropriate, as soon as possible;	From 7 March 2011
BS-V/11	B. Additional and Supplementary Compensation Measures	
BS-V/11	7. <i>Decides</i> that, where the costs of response measures as provided for in the Supplementary Protocol have not been covered, such a situation may be addressed by additional and supplementary compensation measures;	On-going
BS-V/11	8. <i>Decides</i> that the measures referred to in paragraph 7 above may include arrangements to be addressed by the conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties;	On-going
BS-V/11	9. <i>Urges</i> the Parties to cooperate, taking into account the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as contained in the annex to decision BS-III/3, in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities relating to the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol, including through existing global, regional, subregional and domestic institutions and organizations and, as appropriate, through facilitating private sector involvement;	On-going
BS-V/11	10. <i>Invites</i> Parties to take the present decision into account in formulating bilateral, regional and multilateral assistance to developing country Parties that are in the process of developing their domestic law relating to the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol;	On-going
BS-V/11	11. <i>Decides</i> to take the present decision into account, as appropriate, in the next review of the Action Plan referred to in paragraph 9 above.	At MOP/6

	Requested action/information	Date of action (as appropriate)
DECISION BS-V/12 - RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT		
BS-V/12	<i>I. Further guidance on specific aspects of risk assessment</i>	
BS-V/12	4. Decides to extend the current open-ended online forum and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management in accordance with the terms of reference annexed hereto;	On-going
BS-V/12	5. Urges Parties and invites other Governments and relevant organizations to nominate further experts with experience relevant to risk assessment to the open-ended online forum and to actively participate in the online discussions;	On-going
BS-V/12	6. Further notes that the first version of the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms” requires further scientific reviewing and testing to establish its overall utility and applicability to living modified organisms of different taxa introduced into different environments, and requests the Executive Secretary to, prior to the first meeting of the AHTEG, (i) translate the first version of the guidance into all 6 United Nations languages with a view to enabling a large number of experts to take part in the reviewing process, (ii) coordinate with Parties and other Governments, through their technical and scientific experts, and relevant organizations a review process of the first version of the guidance; (iii) make the comments of the review process available through the Biosafety-Clearing House;	28 February 2011
BS-V/12	<i>II. Capacity-building in risk assessment</i>	
BS-V/12	9. Requests the Executive Secretary to: (a) Submit the training manual to experts and other reviewers of Parties and other Governments for an assessment of its effectiveness;	31 May 2011
BS-V/12	<i>III. Identifying living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health</i>	
BS-V/12	10. Urges Parties and invites other Governments to submit to the Biosafety Clearing-House decisions and risk assessments where potential adverse effects have been identified, as well as any other relevant information that may assist Parties in the identification of living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, including information, if possible, when a decision is not taken due to the potential of a living modified organism to cause adverse effects when introduced into specific environments;	On-going

	Requested action/information	Date of action (as appropriate)
BS-V/12	<i>IV. Identifying living modified organisms that are not likely to have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health</i>	
BS-V/12	12. <i>Requests</i> Parties and <i>invites</i> other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary (i) information on risk assessments, carried out on a case-by-case basis with regards to the receiving environment of the living modified organism, that might assist Parties in the identification of living modified organisms that are not likely to have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and (ii) the criteria that were considered for the identification of such living modified organisms;	Before 31 May 2011
DECISION BS-V/13 – Public awareness, education and participate		
BS-V/13	1. <i>Adopts</i> the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, as contained in the annex to the present decision, to facilitate implementation of Article 23 of the Protocol;	On-going
BS-V/13	2. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to make use of the programme of work to implement Article 23 of the Protocol and share their experiences and lessons learned through the Biosafety Clearing-House;	On-going
BS-V/13	3. <i>Underlines</i> the importance of ensuring coherence among the programme of work and relevant activities of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and other relevant conventions and organisations to maximize opportunities for cooperation in the promotion of public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms;	On-going
BS-V/13	5. <i>Urges</i> developed country Parties and other Governments and relevant organizations to provide additional support to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to implement relevant activities contained in the programme of work;	On-going
BS-V/13	6. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to establish or make use of existing advisory committees on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms to provide advice and guidance on the implementation of the programme of work;	On-going

	Requested action/information	Date of action (as appropriate)
DECISION BS-IV/14 - MONITORING AND REPORTING UNDER THE PROTOCOL		
BS-V/14	2. <i>Requests</i> Parties to use the reporting format for the preparation of their second national report or, in the case of Parties submitting their national report for the first time, to use it for their first national report on the implementation of their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/14 BS-V/14 BS-V/14	3. <i>Requests</i> Parties to submit to the Secretariat their second national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: (a) In an official language of the United Nations; (b) Through the Biosafety Clearing-House, or in the Microsoft Word form that will be made available by the Secretariat for this purpose duly signed by the national focal point;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/14	4. Encourages Parties to respond to all questions in the reporting format including questions that do not necessarily represent obligations under the Protocol but are considered to be useful to gather information that facilitates the establishment of baselines for subsequent assessment and review processes of the effectiveness of the Protocol as well as measuring the achievement of the Strategic Plan adopted at the present meeting;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/14	5. <i>Reiterates</i> its recommendation to Parties to prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate;	In preparation for the National Report
BS-V/14	6. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to give priority, as appropriate, to national reporting when seeking funding from the Global Environment Facility;	In preparation for the National Report
BS-V/14	7. <i>Encourages</i> Parties that encounter difficulty in the timely completion of their reporting obligations to seek assistance from the Secretariat or the Compliance Committee, and use, as appropriate, national experts and experts from the roster of biosafety experts;	In preparation for the National Report
DECISION BS-V/15 - ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW		
BS-V/15	4. <i>Urges</i> Parties and <i>invites</i> other Governments and relevant international organizations to contribute, as appropriate, to the data collection processes by completing and submitting, in a timely manner, national reports, or by responding to a questionnaire and providing complete information on the implementation of the Protocol.	On-going

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DECISION BS-V/16 – Strategic plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020		
BS-V/16	2. <i>Urges</i> Parties, and <i>invites</i> other Governments, and relevant international organizations, as appropriate, to:	On-going
BS-V/16	(a) Review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, with the Strategic Plan; and	
BS-V/16	(b) Allocate adequate human and financial resources necessary to expedite the implementation of the Strategic Plan;	
BS-V/16	3. <i>Urges</i> Parties to submit their national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in a comprehensive and timely manner using the second national reporting format in order for the second assessment and review on the effectiveness of the Protocol to, among other things, establish a baseline for evaluating progress in the implementation of the Protocol and the Strategic Plan;	Before 30 Sept. 2011

ATTACHMENT 2
CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARIAT
(as derived from the decisions of COP-MOP/5 contained in annex I to UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/17)

Decision	Requested action/information	Date of action
BS-V/12	6. Further notes that the first version of the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms” requires further scientific reviewing and testing to establish its overall utility and applicability to living modified organisms of different taxa introduced into different environments, and requests the Executive Secretary to, prior to the first meeting of the AHTEG, (i) translate the first version of the guidance into all 6 United Nations languages with a view to enabling a large number of experts to take part in the reviewing process, (ii) coordinate with Parties and other Governments, through their technical and scientific experts, and relevant organizations a review process of the first version of the guidance; (iii) make the comments of the review process available through the Biosafety-Clearing House;	28 February 2011
BS-V/11	4. <i>Calls upon</i> the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to sign the Supplementary Protocol on 7 March 2011 or at the earliest opportunity thereafter and to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval or instruments of accession, as appropriate, as soon as possible;	From 7 March 2011
BS-V/3	Action plan 2. Urges Parties and other Governments that have not yet done so to submit reports on their capacity-building activities undertaken in support of the Action Plan within the next six months using the online format available in the Biosafety Clearing-House to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan;	Before April 2011
BS-V/3	6. Urges Parties and other Governments that have not yet submitted their prioritized needs to the Biosafety Clearing-House, and those Parties and other Governments that have already submitted but wish to revise their submissions, to do so within six months, to enable the Secretariat to prepare a more representative and comprehensive needs assessment report to facilitate the next comprehensive review of the Action Plan;	Before April 2011
BS-V/12	<i>II. Capacity-building in risk assessment</i> 9. Requests the Executive Secretary to: (a) Submit the training manual to experts and other reviewers of Parties and other Governments for an assessment of its effectiveness;	31 May 2011
BS-V/12	<i>IV. Identifying living modified organisms that are not likely to have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health</i> 12. <i>Requests</i> Parties and <i>invites</i> other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary (i) information on risk assessments, carried out on a case-by-case basis with regards to the receiving environment of the living modified organism, that might assist Parties in the identification of living modified organisms that are not likely to have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and (ii) the criteria that were considered for the identification of such living modified organisms;	Before 31 May 2011

Decision	Requested action/information	Date of action
BS-V/14	2. <i>Requests</i> Parties to use the reporting format for the preparation of their second national report or, in the case of Parties submitting their national report for the first time, to use it for their first national report on the implementation of their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/14	3. <i>Requests</i> Parties to submit to the Secretariat their second national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: (a) In an official language of the United Nations; (b) Through the Biosafety Clearing-House, or in the Microsoft Word form that will be made available by the Secretariat for this purpose duly signed by the national focal point;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/14	4. Encourages Parties to respond to all questions in the reporting format including questions that do not necessarily represent obligations under the Protocol but are considered to be useful to gather information that facilitates the establishment of baselines for subsequent assessment and review processes of the effectiveness of the Protocol as well as measuring the achievement of the Strategic Plan adopted at the present meeting;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/3	13. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, by 30 June 2011, relevant information that might facilitate the comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan as well as views and suggestions on possible revisions to the Action Plan;	Before 30 June 2011
BS-V/16	3. <i>Urges</i> Parties to submit their national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in a comprehensive and timely manner using the second national reporting format in order for the second assessment and review on the effectiveness of the Protocol to, among other things, establish a baseline for evaluating progress in the implementation of the Protocol and the Strategic Plan;	Before 30 Sept. 2011
BS-V/9	5. <i>Invites</i> Parties to nominate national and international reference laboratories with the view to establishing, through the Biosafety-Clearing House, an electronic network of laboratories to facilitate the identification of living modified organisms as well as the sharing of information and experience.	Before 1 Nov. 2011
BS-V/3	BS-IV/3 paragraph 17: <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, at least six months before the sixth meeting of the Parties, information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators; 15. <i>Reiterates</i> its invitation to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, made in paragraph 17 of decision BS-IV/3, to submit to the Executive Secretary information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators in monitoring and evaluating capacity-building activities implemented in support of the Action Plan;	Before 31 March 2012

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BS-IV/3	17. Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, at least six months before the sixth meeting of the Parties, information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators;	Before 31 March 2012
BS-V/4	4. Invites Parties and other Governments to submit to the Executive Secretary information regarding their experiences and challenges in nominating to and using experts from the roster of biosafety experts, as well as project future needs with the view to improving the nomination processes and the nomination form at least six months before the sixth meeting of the Parties;	Before 31 March 2012
BS-V/14	5. <i>Reiterates</i> its recommendation to Parties to prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate;	In preparation for the National Report
BS-V/14	6. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to give priority, as appropriate, to national reporting when seeking funding from the Global Environment Facility;	In preparation for the National Report
BS-V/14	7. <i>Encourages</i> Parties that encounter difficulty in the timely completion of their reporting obligations to seek assistance from the Secretariat or the Compliance Committee, and use, as appropriate, national experts and experts from the roster of biosafety experts;	In preparation for the National Report