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Agenda item 14

RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

1/11. Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. Welcomes the plan and the organization of work for holding concurrently the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol;¹

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake the necessary preparations for the concurrent meetings in accordance with the plan and in consultation with the Bureau and the Government of Mexico, the host of the meetings;

3. Also requests the Executive Secretary to finalize the organization of work in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and Mexico, the host Government, taking into account the views expressed and the outcomes of the present meeting as well as the outcomes of the nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to follow up, with a view to ensuring the implementation of paragraph 5 of decision XII/27, regarding the full and effective participation of representatives from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition as well as representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, in the concurrent meetings;²

5. Takes note of the interest of the Governments of Egypt and Turkey in hosting the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, and of the Governments of China

¹ [UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/12/Add.1](#), annexes I and II.

² The Subsidiary Body on Implementation has also called upon Parties in a position to do so and on a voluntary basis to provide financial support for the participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, as well as countries with economies in transition, in the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, noting that early contributions can allow for early travel arrangements and reduced costs (recommendation 1/13, paragraph 5(a)).

and Peru in hosting the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with these Governments in order to clarify the requirements for hosting such meetings, including logistical requirements, such as security, technical and financial, and requirements related to privileges and immunities and facilitation of the issuance of visas, with a view to confirming, at least three months prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the offers to host the meetings;

7. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

Integrated approaches to issues under the Convention and the Protocols

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a note on possible ways and means to promote integrated approaches to issues at the interface between the biosafety-related provisions of the Convention and the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol, taking into account Article 8(g) and Article 19, paragraph 4, of the Convention, and other issues of relevance to both the Convention and the Cartagena Protocol, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue using, where appropriate, integrated approaches in proposing agenda items and organizations of work, in the preparation of documents, and in planning and implementation of intersessional activities, and especially in addressing common cross-cutting areas, such as capacity-building, national reporting, the administration of clearing-house mechanisms, communication, education and public awareness, resource mobilization and financial mechanisms, with a view to achieving synergies in the consideration of issues and efficiency in processes related to these areas under the Convention and the Protocols;

Concurrent meetings

3. *Decides* to use the following list of criteria as identified in decision XII/27, paragraph 6, and as further developed, for reviewing, at the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, experience in holding meetings concurrently:

(a) Full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(b) Effective development of outcomes of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(c) Increased integration among the Convention and its Protocols;

(d) Cost-effectiveness;

(e) The number of Parties reporting improved consultations, coordination and synergies among their national focal points for the Convention and the Protocols;

(f) Evaluation by the host Governments of the logistical and technical burdens of the concurrent meetings they hosted;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a preliminary review of the experience in concurrent meetings, using the criteria referred to above, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;

Regional preparatory meetings

5. *Welcomes* the collaboration between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna in organizing regional meetings to prepare for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the former and the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the latter, *requests* the Executive Secretary to enhance similar collaboration with others, and *invites* donors to make a further financial contribution to enable the organization of such regional preparatory meetings;

Hosting meetings

6. *Welcomes* the generous offer of the Government of [Egypt][Turkey] to host the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol;

7. *Welcomes also* the generous offer of the Government of [China][Peru] to host the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol;

8. *Decides* that the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as well as the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in [Egypt][Turkey] in the last quarter of 2018;

9. *Decides also* that the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as well as the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in [China][Peru] in the last quarter of 2020;

10. *Decides* to take into account (a) rotation among regional groups, (b) logistical requirements, such as security, technical and financial requirements, for hosting such meetings and requirements related to privileges and immunities and facilitation of the issuance of visas, as may be verified by the Executive Secretary, in determining the hosting of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

11. *Invites* interested Parties to notify the Executive Secretary, taking into account the elements specified in paragraph 8 above, of their offer to host the sixteenth or the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as soon as possible but no later than the end of 2017 and 2019, respectively, and *encourages* the regional groups concerned to hold consultations to determine which country from their region will make an offer to host on behalf of the group;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to make, in consultation with the Bureau, recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting with regard to offers made to host the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and at its fifteenth meeting with regard to offers made to host the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

8. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its eighth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol

1. *Decides* to use the following criteria for reviewing experience with the holding of concurrent meetings in accordance with decision BS-VII/9, paragraph 5:

(a) Full and effective participation of representatives from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(b) Effective development of outcomes of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(c) Increased integration among the Convention and its Protocols;

(d) Cost-effectiveness;

(e) Number of Parties reporting improved consultations, coordination and synergies among their national focal points of the Convention and the Protocols;

(f) Evaluation by the host Governments of the logistical and technical burdens of the concurrent meetings they hosted;

2. *Reiterates* its call to developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds in order to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the concurrent meetings.

9. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its second meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

1. *Decides* to use the following criteria for reviewing, at its fifth meeting, experience with the holding of concurrent meetings:

(a) Full and effective participation of representatives from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol;

(b) Effective development of outcomes of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

- (c) Increased integration among the Convention and its Protocols;
- (d) Cost-effectiveness;
- (e) Number of Parties reporting improved consultations, coordination and synergies among their national focal points for the Convention and the Protocols;
- (f) Evaluation by the host Governments of the logistical and technical burdens of the concurrent meetings they hosted;

2. *Calls upon* developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds in order to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the concurrent meetings.
