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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

14/31. Enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols with respect to provisions related to biosafety and access and benefit-sharing

The Conference of the Parties,

A. Provisions related to biosafety

Recalling the call to Parties to integrate biosafety within their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national development plans and other relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, as appropriate, taking into account national circumstances, legislation and priorities,¹

Noting the relationship between the biosafety-related provisions of the Convention, in particular its Articles 8(g) and 19, paragraph 4, and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,

Recognizing that ratification and implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress contribute to achieving the objectives of the Convention,

1. *Urges* Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that have not yet done so to deposit their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Cartagena Protocol as soon as possible, and to take steps towards its implementation, including by establishing institutional structures and legislative, administrative and policy measures on biosafety, taking into account the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, and other relevant stakeholders, in the development of such measures;

2. *Reminds* Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that are not Parties to the Cartagena Protocol of their biosafety-related obligations under the Convention, and invites them to continue making relevant information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House and to submit the fourth national report under the Cartagena Protocol;

3. *Encourages* Parties to develop and implement national action plans for mainstreaming biosafety into national legal and policy instruments and to report on the progress in this regard in their national report;

4. *Invites* Governments and relevant organizations in a position to do so to provide technical and financial support to address needs for capacity-building and development activities, as well as financial resources to support ratification and implementation of the Cartagena Protocol;

¹ Decision XII/29, para. 9, and decision BS-VII/5, para. 10.

5. *Agrees* to consider the addition of biosafety considerations to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and national reporting format under the Convention, and to other areas of work under the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and taking into account the objectives of the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, to continue efforts to (a) integrate biosafety across the programmes of work of the Secretariat; (b) raise awareness of biosafety-related provisions of the Convention and the Cartagena Protocol; and (c) support Parties in efforts to integrate biosafety across various sectors at the national level;

B. Provisions related to access and benefit-sharing

7. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Parties in implementing the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, as well as the efforts made by non-Parties towards ratification of the Protocol;

8. *Urges* Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that have not yet done so to deposit their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval or their instrument of accession to the Nagoya Protocol as soon as possible, and to take steps towards its implementation, including by establishing institutional structures and legislative, administrative and policy measures on access and benefit-sharing, including measures to ensure that the benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources are shared in a fair and equitable way with indigenous peoples and local communities holding such knowledge, and to make relevant information available to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to support strategic communication to enhance awareness about the Nagoya Protocol and enhance its integration in various sectors;

10. *Urges* Parties to the Convention that are not yet Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to report on access and benefit-sharing implementation in their sixth national reports;

11. *Reiterates* the need for capacity-building and development activities as well as financial resources to support ratification and effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, and *invites* Governments and relevant organizations, where possible, to provide technical and financial support;

12. *Encourages* Parties to consider further integration of access and benefit-sharing into other areas of work under the Convention as part of discussions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to integrate access and benefit-sharing, including issues related to the traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources held by indigenous peoples and local communities, across the work of the Secretariat;

14. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, and *encourages* Parties and relevant organizations in a position to do so, to support Parties in efforts to integrate access and benefit-sharing across various sectors at the national level.
