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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA  
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 7

### DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

#### 9/4. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources (Article 28)

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

1. *Urges* eligible Parties to prioritize biosafety projects during the programming of their national allocations under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) within the framework of the seventh replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, taking into account their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020,<sup>1</sup> and the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to the financial mechanism;

2. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties, in adopting its guidance to the financial mechanism with respect to support for the implementation of the Protocol and taking into account the recommendations of the Compliance Committee,<sup>2</sup> invite the Global Environment Facility to continue making funds available:

(a) To assist eligible Parties that have not yet done so in fully putting in place measures to implement the Protocol;

(b) To support eligible Parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations under the Protocol, including the submission of fourth national reports;

(c) To support Parties in implementing compliance action plans regarding the achievement of compliance with the Protocol;

3. *Urges* eligible Parties to engage proactively with the Global Environment Facility, including through coordination with their operational focal point for the Global Environment Facility, to ensure that they are able to access available funds for biosafety;

4. *Welcomes* the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and *expresses its appreciation* to the countries that contributed to the seventh replenishment;

5. *Encourages* Parties to cooperate at the regional and subregional levels, and to request support from the Global Environment Facility for joint projects, in order to maximize synergies and opportunities for cost-effective sharing of resources, information, experiences and expertise.

<sup>1</sup> Decision BS-V/16, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> See CBD/CP/MOP/9/2.