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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA  
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 16

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

#### **9/11. Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)**

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

1. *Acknowledges* that the lack of fully operational biosafety frameworks may impact the capacity of some Parties to implement provisions relating to Article 17;
2. *Takes note* of the draft training manual on detection and identification of living modified organisms<sup>1</sup> as a tool for building capacities in this field;
3. *Encourages* Parties, in the context of Article 17, and in accordance with national legislation, to require the responsible operator<sup>2</sup> to provide information or access, direct or indirect, to reference materials to enable the laboratory work on detection and identification of such organisms for regulatory purposes;
4. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other Governments and relevant organizations to make funds available for training of laboratory personnel in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, and to continue participating in regional and subregional networks on the detection and identification of living modified organisms;
5. *Invites* Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary information on (a) their capacities and needs with regard to detection and identification of living modified organisms and (b) a list of laboratories, including information on the specific activities carried out by such laboratories;
6. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and other relevant funding agencies to provide funds for regional projects, including projects aimed at building scientific capacity that could support countries' actions towards detection and identification of living modified organisms, and in particular that could promote North-South and South-South sharing of experiences and lessons;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:
  - (a) To continue collecting information relevant to the detection and identification of living modified organisms and making it available in a user-friendly manner through the Biosafety Clearing-House;

<sup>1</sup> As contained in CBD/CP/MOP/9/8/Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> "Operator" means any person in direct and indirect control of the living modified organism which could, as appropriate and as determined by domestic law, include, inter alia, the permit holder, person who placed the living modified organism on the market, developer, producer, notifier, exporter, importer, carrier or supplier.

(b) To review and finalize the manual on detection and identification of living modified organisms, ensuring consistency in language and scope with Article 17 of the Cartagena Protocol;

(c) To synthesize the information provided by Parties in response to paragraph 5 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties at its tenth meeting, and to reflect the information in the capacity-building action plan for the post-2020 framework, as appropriate;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue facilitating online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms and face-to-face meetings, as appropriate;

(b) To continue efforts to collaborate with relevant organizations and to build the capacity of developing countries in relation to the detection and identification of living modified organisms in the context of Article 17, in particular by focusing on regions that have not yet benefited from recent capacity-building activities in this regard.

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