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THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Agenda item 15

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

CP-10/11. Detection and identification of living modified organisms

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

Recalling decision CP-9/11,

Noting the information provided by Parties in their fourth national reports relating to detection and identification of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and acknowledging the findings in the fourth assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol,

Noting also goals A.6 to A.8 of the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,¹ as well as goals A.6 to A.8 and related capacity-building activities of the Capacity-building Action Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,²

Recognizing the importance of the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as its relevance and applicability to other fields,

Recognizing also the challenges identified by Parties associated with detection and identification of living modified organisms, including the lack of accessible validation and reference materials and financing,

Recognizing further the need for capacity-building activities on new detection techniques, as well as on detecting and identifying unauthorized living modified organisms,

1. *Welcomes* the publication of Biosafety Technical Series 05: *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms and encourages Parties to continue to cooperate to develop regional networks of laboratories to facilitate the exchange of experience, sharing of information and building of expertise in the field;

¹ Decision CP-10/3, annex.

² Decision CP-10/4, annex.

3. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit information on their experience with new detection techniques, detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms, and developing reference materials, as well as ongoing collaborations involving national and regional laboratories, and also invites Parties, in particular those that have not yet done so, to submit information on their laboratories, including their specific activities, to the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Laboratory common format;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fifth or twenty-sixth meeting to consider the information submitted by Parties and relevant organizations in response to paragraph 3 above and to prepare a recommendation to the Conference of Parties serving as a meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its eleventh meeting regarding the need to update the training manual on the detection and identification of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

5. *Urges* Parties and invites international organizations to provide financial resources, in particular for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, to laboratories and to strengthen the infrastructure for detection and identification of living modified organisms;

6. *Encourages* Parties and international organizations to fund the capacity-building of personnel involved in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue the work mandated under decision CP-9/11;

(b) To synthesize the information gathered in response to paragraph 3 above and submit a report to the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its next meeting;

(c) To further enhance capacity-building in the field of detection and identification of living modified organisms, including the convening, in cooperation with relevant organizations, subject to the availability of resources, of regional and subregional capacity-building activities, such as online training and face-to-face workshops.
