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THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Tenth meeting – Part II

Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022

Agenda item 16

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

CP-10/12. Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)

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

Recalling Article 26, paragraph 2, of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,

Recalling also the preamble to decision CP-9/14,

Recalling further the voluntary “Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety” noted in decision CP-9/14,

Recognizing the limited time available for Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to make use of the voluntary Guidance,

Acknowledging the need to gather and share further information on methodologies and approaches,

Noting the information provided by Parties in their fourth national reports relating to Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as the findings on socioeconomic considerations in the fourth assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011–2020, as presented in decision CP-10/7,

Noting also the Goal and related capacity-building activities in the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety¹ and in the Capacity-building Action Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety² relating to Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol, and acknowledging the importance of capacity-building and regional and subregional cooperation for Parties wishing to take into account socioeconomic considerations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the outcomes of the work by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations;³

2. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to cooperate and share relevant experiences on taking socioeconomic considerations into account in decision-taking on living modified organisms in accordance with Article 26 of the Protocol;

¹ Decision CP-10/3, annex.

² Decision CP-10/4, annex.

³ As contained in document CBD/CP/MOP/10/11, annexes II and III.

3. *Also invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate, to use the voluntary Guidance and submit experiences in the use of the Guidance to the Executive Secretary, as well as examples of methodologies and applications of socioeconomic considerations in the light of the elements of the voluntary Guidance;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to contact those Parties that in their fourth national report indicated (a) having specific approaches or requirements that facilitate how socioeconomic considerations should be taken into account in decision-making on living modified organisms or (b) having taken into account socioeconomic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and to invite them to share information on their experiences, as relevant to Article 26;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to compile the information gathered in response to paragraphs 3 and 4 above and submit the overview for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, at its eleventh meeting, with a view to determining the need for further work.
