



## Convention on Biological Diversity

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA  
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Seventh meeting

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 29 September - 3 October 2014

**DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

***BS-VII/6. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives***

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,  
Recalling its decisions BS-II/6, BS-V/6 and BS-VI/6,*

*Welcoming the information provided by the Executive Secretary on activities undertaken to  
improve cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives,<sup>1</sup>*

*Also welcoming the Executive Secretary's cooperation with, inter alia, the World Trade  
Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Plant  
Protection Convention, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United  
Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Access to Information Public Participation in  
Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the Aarhus Convention), the European  
Union Reference Laboratory for GM Food and Feed of the Joint Research Centre of the European  
Commission, and the Green Customs Initiative,*

*Underlining the contribution of cooperation and coordination among relevant organizations,  
multilateral agreements and initiatives to the effective implementation of the Protocol and the Strategic  
Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011–2020, adopted at the fifth meeting of the  
Parties to the Protocol, relating, in particular, to the key areas of the Protocol, namely capacity-building,  
information sharing, detection and identification of living modified organisms, public awareness and  
participation and risk assessment,*

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/7/5.

1. *Urges* Parties to improve and strengthen collaboration at the regional and national levels among focal points of organizations, conventions and initiatives relevant to the implementation of the Biosafety Protocol, as appropriate;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funds:

(a) To further pursue, at the current level, cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives, including academic and research institutions, from all regions, with a view to meeting the strategic objective in focal area 5 of the Strategic Plan, on outreach and cooperation;

(b) To promote active participation of other conventions and related organizations in the BCH online discussion portal;

(c) To continue efforts to gain observer status for the Convention on Biological Diversity in those committees of the World Trade Organization that are relevant to biosafety.

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