



**Convention on
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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

Eighth meeting
Cancun, Mexico, 4-17 December 2016
Agenda item 5.2

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

VIII/10. Integration among the Convention and its Protocols

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

1. *Decides* to use the following criteria for reviewing experience with the holding of concurrent meetings in accordance with decision BS-VII/9, paragraph 5:

(a) Full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(b) Effective development of the outcomes of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

(c) Increased integration among the Convention and its Protocols;

(d) Cost-effectiveness, including with respect to the need to have experts on matters related to the Cartagena Protocol present during the entire two-week period of the concurrent meetings;

(e) Number of Parties reporting improved consultations, coordination and synergies among their national focal points of the Convention and the Protocols;

(f) Evaluation by the host Governments of the logistical and technical burdens of the concurrent meetings they hosted;

2. *Reiterates* its call to developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds in order to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the concurrent meetings;

3. *Urges* cooperation and integrated work between the different existing and future expert groups under the Convention and its Protocols in order to make efficient use of human and financial resources.