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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 15

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

VIII/13. Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)

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

Recalling decisions BS-VI/13 and BS-VII/13,

Noting with regret that a face-to-face meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations could not be held due to the lack of sufficient funds and that, as a consequence, certain elements of its mandate could not be addressed,

Welcoming the online discussion of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations and the progress made,

Taking note of the conclusions of the online discussion of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations,¹

Recognizing that a face-to-face meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations would be required for addressing the outstanding parts of its mandate,

Acknowledging that the continued work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations towards achieving operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety may also contribute to further conceptual clarity,

Taking note of national and regional activities on socio-economic considerations,

1. *Takes note* of the revised Framework for Conceptual Clarity;²

¹ See UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/13, annex.

² Ibid.

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations, replacing any experts, as needed, including indigenous peoples and local communities as observers, and in accordance with the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity,³ to allow it to meet face-to-face, subject to the availability of funds, to work on the guidelines envisaged under the outcomes for operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

3. *Urges* Parties to provide the necessary funds for a face-to-face meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations, ensuring the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, supported by such online discussions as may be necessary to achieve its mandate;

4. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations to submit a report for consideration by the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its ninth meeting.

³ Decision VIII/10 of the Conference of the Parties, annex III.