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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 13

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

VIII/17. Transit and contained use of living modified organisms (Article 6)

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

1. *Welcomes* the progress towards operational objective 1.8 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the Period 2011-2020;¹
2. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other Governments to make available to the Biosafety Clearing-House their laws, regulations and guidelines regarding contained use and transit of living modified organisms;
3. *Notes* the limited number of final decisions related to transit and contained use that have been made available to the Biosafety Clearing-House;
4. *Also notes* the lack of clarity regarding the type of information that is to be submitted to the Biosafety Clearing-House when final decisions are taken regarding the importation of living modified organisms destined for contained use;
5. *Requests* the Compliance Committee to assess if information that has been submitted to the Biosafety Clearing-House under contained use is in accordance with Article 6 of the Cartagena Protocol, and make a recommendation in this regard for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its ninth meeting;
6. *Invites* Parties and other Governments, in the context of operational objective 1.8 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020, to submit to the Biosafety Clearing-House practical guidance on specific measures for contained use that effectively limit the contact of living modified organisms with, and their impact on, the external environment;
7. *Encourages* Parties to further develop measures to manage living modified organisms in transit and to make available in the Biosafety Clearing-House information on such measures;

¹ See UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/12/Add.1.

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To compile the information submitted under paragraph 6 above for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its ninth meeting with a view to identifying areas where activities might be needed to support Parties in their efforts to develop national measures on contained use;

(b) To continue improving in the Biosafety Clearing-House the means to allow easy retrieval of information relating to transit and contained use, including the information submitted under paragraphs 4 and 6 above.
