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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

2/13. Monitoring and reporting (Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

1. *Invites* Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to provide specific comments on the draft format for the fourth national report under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, contained in the annex to the note by the Executive Secretary;¹

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to update the draft format, taking into account the comments received, and to submit it for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, at its ninth meeting, with further clarification on the changes made;

3. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its ninth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

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

Recalling decision CP-VIII/14, in which the Executive Secretary was requested to develop a revised format for the fourth national reports with a view to ensuring that complete and accurate information is captured while striving to ensure the applicability of the baseline information, established in decision BS-VI/15,

Welcoming the review by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting, of the draft revised format for the fourth national report, as proposed by the Executive Secretary,

1. *Adopts* the reporting format annexed hereto² and requests Parties to use it for the fourth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

2. *Invites* Parties to prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant national stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate;

3. *Encourages* Parties to respond to all questions in the reporting format, and stresses the importance of the timely submission of fourth national reports in order to facilitate the fourth

¹ CBD/SBI/2/13.

² The draft format for the fourth national report, revised on the basis of submissions by Parties, will be annexed to the draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its ninth meeting.

assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020;³

4. *Requests* Parties and invites other Governments to submit to the Secretariat their fourth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety:

(a) In an official language of the United Nations;

(b) Twelve months prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, which will consider the report;

(c) Preferably online through the Biosafety Clearing-House, or offline using the appropriate form that will be made available by the Secretariat for this purpose, duly signed by the national focal point for the Cartagena Protocol.

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue making available, in the online reporting tool, the option to view and select the answers provided in the previous national report submitted by the Party concerned;

6. *Recommends* to the Conference of the Parties, in adopting guidance to the financial mechanism, that it invite the Global Environment Facility to make available, in a timely manner, financial resources to eligible Parties to facilitate the preparation and submission of their fourth national reports under the Protocol.

³ Decision [BS-V/16](#), annex I.