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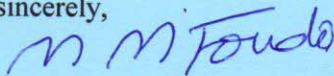
1-Strategic plan for Implementation of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011 – 2020) needs to be assessed. In our view it is still valid for post-2020. It is suggested to be included in the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Perhaps a special goal for advanced technologies can be added to all other goals of strategic plan for Biodiversity. This will mean the vision and mission of biosafety strategic plan will be included in the overall post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, with a focus on Sustainable Development Goals.

Regarding the structure and content of the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Post 2020, it is suggested to follow the agreed post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by end of 2019. However, the proposed Pyramid structure on the foundation and elements of a post 2020 biodiversity framework can be a complimentary to introducing categories of indicators, including a sub-set of headline indicators. (Enabling conditions at the bottom of the Pyramid, then actions, objectives and goals).

2- Possible elements of a specific action plan for capacity building on biosafety. I think the capacity-building plan of CBD and Biosafety approved COP13 in Cancun, Mexico, 2016 is still valid and can be extended to Post 2020. Issues relevant to biosafety implementation include compliance, risk assessment and risk management, co-operation, public awareness, GMOs detection, socio-economic consideration and new biotechnologies that take considerable time to be understood, particularly by developing countries. These can be in one action plan.

3- Relevant elements of the biodiversity component of the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The most relevant elements include capacity development, resource mobilization, technology transfer, risk assessment and risk management, and new technologies. All of these issues can be under one headline "enabling conditions."

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