**Preparatory processes and milestones towards the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

## Item 2. Organizational matters

## 2.1 Adoption of agenda

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, at its eighth meeting, will consider the draft provisional agenda prepared by Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau for the meeting.

## 2.2 Election of substitute officers

*Background:* In electing officers for the Bureau to serve from the closure of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the closure of the fourteenth meeting of the COP, the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will elect substitute officers if any member of the COP Bureau is from a Party to the Convention that is not a Party to the Cartagena Protocol at that time.

## 2.3 Organization of work

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will consider and adopt the organization of work for its eighth meeting. The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be held concurrently with the thirteenth meeting of the COP and the second meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Posting of the provisional agenda, document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/1 | 1 July 2015 |
| * Posting of annotations to the provisional agenda, document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/1/Add.1 | June 2016 |

## Item 3. Report on the Credentials of Representatives to the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol

*Background:* Parties are required by the rules of procedure to submit the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers to the Executive Secretary not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. The Bureau will examine the credentials and the meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification on credentials | July 2016 |
| * + Deadline for submission of credentials | 5 December 2016 |

## Item 4. Report of the Compliance Committee

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the report and recommendations of the Compliance Committee and to take appropriate actions. It will also be invited to elect members to the Compliance Committee in order to replace ten members, i.e. two from each of the five regions, whose terms will expire at the end of 2016.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Twelfth Meeting of the Compliance Committee | 13 - 15 May 2015 |
| * Posting of the report of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on the Work of its Twelfth Meeting | 15 May 2015 |
| * Thirteenth Meeting of the Compliance Committee | February 2016 |
| * Posting of the report of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on the Work of its Thirteenth Meeting | March 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/2 - Report of the Compliance Committee | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 5. Report of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the information provided by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation   Relevant agenda items:  Item 6.1: Assessment and review of the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and of the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol (Recommendations by the SBI to be included in UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/11/Add.1 and Add.2)  Item 11.2: Integration among the Convention and the Protocols, including plan for the organization of concurrent meetings | 2-6 May 2016 |
| * Posting of the report of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) on the work of its first meeting | June 2016 |

## Item 6. Capacity-building and the Roster of Biosafety Experts

**6.1 Report on the status of biosafety capacity-building activities and review of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building**

*Background:* Reports on the status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol will be made available for the consideration of the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. Parties will be invited to review the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-building for effective implementation of the Protocol. Discussions will be facilitated with a summary report provided by the Executive Secretary on the status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, including a synthesis of views and suggestions from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations for revision/improvement of the Framework and Action Plan.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification requesting views and suggestions for the revision/improvement of the Framework and Action Plan | 31 March 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/COP-MOP/8/3 - Summary report on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan and the synthesis of views and suggestions for the revision/improvement | 21 October 2016 |

**6.2 Report on the Use of the Roster of Biosafety experts**

*Background*: A report will be provided by the Executive Secretary, for consideration of the meeting of the Parties, on the status and operations of the roster of biosafety experts, including the number of experts on the roster, the regional, gender and discipline breakdowns, as well as the use of the roster and the status and use of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/3/Add.1 - Report on the status and operations of the roster | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 7. Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider a progress report on the programme elements and an assessment of the Biosafety Clearing-House. The Executive Secretary will also make available a report on the two intersessional meetings held by the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Tenth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House | TBD |
| * Eleventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House | May/June 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/4 - Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of information document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/INF/1 - Report of intersessional meetings of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 8. Matters related to the Financial Mechanism and Resources

*Background:* The Executive Secretary will provide a summary report on the status of implementation of previous guidance to the financial mechanism with respect to biosafety based on information received from Parties, the Secretariat of GEF, and the GEF implementing agencies. The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will also have before it the full report submitted by the Council of the GEF to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the status of implementation of the guidance to the financial mechanism, including the guidance with respect to biosafety.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/5 - Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/14/Add.1 - Report of the Global Environment Facility | 7 October 2016 |

## Item 9. Cooperation with other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be provided with an update on cooperative activities between the Secretariat and other organizations, conventions and initiatives relevant to the implementation of the Protocol. The meeting will be invited to take note of the report and to provide, as appropriate, further guidance on cooperation, and/or to incorporate, as the case may be, the ongoing cooperation into its consideration of relevant items on its agenda.

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| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/6 - Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 10. Report of the Executive Secretary on the Administration of the Protocol and on Budgetary Matters

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the programme budget for secretariat services and the biosafety work programme of the Protocol for the biennium 2017-2018, and two alternatives for the budget.

In its consideration of this agenda item, the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will have before them for review, decision and appropriate guidance, the following documents: the notes prepared by the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Protocol and on budgetary matters; and the final report of the in-depth Functional Review of the Secretariat with the recommendations as provided by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention.

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| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/7 - Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Protocol | 21 October 2015 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/7/Add.1 - Report of the Executive Secretary on budgetary matters | 21 October 2015 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/7/Add.2 - Final report of the in-depth Functional Review of the Secretariat with the recommendations as provided by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation | 21 October 2015 |

## Item 11. Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16)

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider a note from the Executive Secretary on risk assessment and risk management, the final reports of the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management and of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, elements of a possible way forward, a revised version of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms, and an information document detailing the work of the online forum and AHTEG.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Parties to submit (a) information on their needs and priorities for further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, and (b) existing guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms; | August 2015 |
| * Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management | November 2015 |
| * Posting of the Interim report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management | 31 March 2016 |
| * Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management | August 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/8 - Risk assessment and risk management | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/8/Add.1 - Revised Guidance on Risk Assessment and Risk Management | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of information document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/INF/2 - Report of the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of the Final report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 12. Unintentional Transboundary Movements and Emergency Measures (Article 17)

*Background:* To facilitate discussions, the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider a note from the Executive Secretary which includes a summary of the outcomes of activities and an overview of the capacity-building activities undertaken during the intersessional period, and a summary of the improvements done to the BCH. Information documents will also be made available, including the report of the Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, the reports of the capacity-building workshops, and syntheses of the information and views submitted by Parties and other Governments.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification inviting Parties and other Governments to submit information requested in decision on unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures | 7 January 2015 |
| * Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms | 9-11 June 2015 |
| * Reminder notification inviting Parties and other Governments to submit information requested in decision on unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures | July 2015 |
| * Regional capacity building workshops on detection and identification of living modified organisms | TBD |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/9 – Unintentional Transboundary Movements and Emergency Measures | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of information document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/INF/3 - Report of the Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of information document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/INF/4 - Summary of the outcomes of the activities undertaken by the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of the Reports of the capacity-building workshops on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 13. Transit and Contained Use of Living Modified Organisms (Article 6)

**13.1 Transit of living modified organisms**

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the rights and obligations of transit States and to review the status of implementation of the provisions of the Protocol or any decision by Parties related to the transit of living modified organisms.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/10 - Transit and Contained Use of Living Modified Organisms | 21 October 2016 |

**13.2 Contained use of living modified organisms**

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the gaps and needs identified by Parties, if any, with a view to facilitate the implementation of the Protocol’s provisions on contained use of living modified organisms.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification inviting Parties and other Governments to submit information, tools, practical experience and guidance related to their existing mechanisms and requirements relating to the contained use of living modified organisms, including any specific requirement relating to the type and level of containment | January 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/10 - Transit and Contained Use of Living Modified Organisms | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 14. Review of the Implementation and Effectiveness of the Protocol

**14.1 Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)**

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider a note from the Executive Secretary containing a synthesis of the main results of the analysis of the third national reports submitted, and provide further guidance on the modalities of the preparation of the fourth national reports.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Deadline for submission of third national reports | 1 November 2015 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/11 - Monitoring and reporting | January 2016 |

**14.2 Third assessment and review of effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and the Mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan**

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the analysis of the third national reports for the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan in the form of an evaluation of the status of implementation of the Protocol in meeting its objectives. The Parties to the Protocol will also have before them the findings and recommendations by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation including the input by the Compliance Committee and contributions from the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for its consideration and decision.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification for Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building | November 2015 |
| * Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building | February 2016 |
| * Report of the meeting of the Liaison Group | March 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/11/Add.1 - Mid-term review of the Strategic Plan of the Cartagena Protocol (including recommendations of the SBI) | 21 October 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/11/Add.2 - Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 35) (including recommendations of the SBI) | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 15. Socio-Economic Considerations (Article 26)

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider the report of the meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on Socio-economic Considerations.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification inviting submissions of views and comments on the “Elements of a Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-Economic Considerations” contained in the annex to the report of the first meeting of the AHTEG and nominations for the online discussions | 15 January – 31 March 2015 |
| * Online discussions on socio-economic considerations | 30 March – 7 May 2015 |
| * Study on international agreements made available on the Biosafety Clearing-House | October 2015 |
| * Compilation of information on (i) policies, laws, regulations and guidelines providing for definitions of socio-economic considerations; and (ii) practical applications of socio-economic considerations in decision-making on living modified organisms, including cases where positive and negative socio-economic impacts have been considered | October 2015 |
| * Synthesis of the views and comments on the "Elements of a Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-Economic Considerations" contained in the annex to the report of the first meeting of the AHTEG on Socio-economic Considerations | TBD |
| * Second Meeting of the AHTEG on Socio-economic Considerations | Pending funding |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/12 - Socio-economic considerations (Article 26) | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 16. Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to review the need for guidance or assistance to Parties in their efforts to establish and apply the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, depending on the entry into force of the Supplementary Protocol in time for the eighth meeting of the Parties. As a minimum, an update on the status of the Supplementary Protocol will be provided by the Executive Secretary.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/13 - Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress | 21 October 2016 |

## Item 17. Public Awareness, Education and Participation (Article 23)

*Background:* The meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be invited to consider a summary report on the status of implementation of the programme of work and the synthesis of views and suggestions submitted by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations.

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| *Preparatory process and milestones:* | |
| * Notification requesting views and suggestions from Parties | February 2016 |
| * Synthesis of views and suggestions prepared | May 2016 |
| * Posting of document UNEP/CBD/COP-MOP/8/14 - Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23) | 12 September 2016 |