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RE: CBD Notification 2019-027 - Overview of the post-2020 process for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

We submit herewith, Ghana's views (formed by editing relevant portions of the Aichi targets) on the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post 2020, Some of the sections also touch on the possible elements of a specific action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, covering the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol. As indicated above, they are largely based on editing some of the sections of the Aichi Targets.

Strategic Goal A: Address the underlying causes of public misconception of GMOs or LMOs by mainstreaming biosafety across government and society.

Target 4

Post 2020, National Biosafety Authorities (NBAs) have taken steps to educate Governments, business and stakeholders at all levels about Biosafety to achieve implemented plans for sustainable production and consumption of LMOs and have kept the impacts of use of LMOs resources well within safe ecological limits.

Strategic Goal B: Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use

Target 6

Post 2020, all LMOs stocks are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches, so that over exploitation is avoided within safe ecological limits.

Strategic Goal C: To improve the status of biosafety by safeguarding environment, food and feed systems that co-exist with LMOs.

Target 11

Post 2020, at least 50 per cent of risk assessment of areas of particular importance for biosafety services are effectively and equitably managed and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.

Target 12

Post 2020, the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status improved and sustained by modern biotechnologies.

Target 13

Post 2020, biosafety strategies have been developed and implemented for minimizing unintended transboundary movement of LMOs.

Strategic Goal D: Enhance the benefits to all biosafety and ecosystem services

Target 14

Post 2020, Laboratories are built at NBA offices to provide essential services, including emergency detection related to transboundary movement of LMOs, safety guarding health and feed needs of indigenous and local communities as well as the poor and vulnerable.

Target 15

Post 2020, ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biosafety to carbon stocks has been enhanced, through conservation and restoration, including restoration of at least 15 per cent of degraded ecosystems through safe use of LMOs in soil probiotic formulations thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating environmental pollution by mineral fertilizers.

Target 16

Post 2020, the Cartagena on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocols on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization are enforced and operationalized, consistent with national legislation.

Strategic Goal E: Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building

Target 17

Post 2020, each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument, and has commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biosafety strategy and action plan.

Target 18

Post 2020, the modern knowledge, innovations and practices of genetic engineering relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of LMOs are respected, subject to national biosafety legislation and relevant international obligations; and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of scientists, indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.

Target 19

Post 2020, Capacity building to enhance knowledge and skills, the science base and technologies relating to biosafety, its values, functioning, status and trends, and the benefits of its use, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied.

Target 20

Post 2020, the mobilization of financial resources from all sources should increase substantially for effective implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biosafety, in accordance with the consolidated and agreed process in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in CBD. This target will be subject to changes contingent to resource needs assessments to be developed and reported by Parties.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Eric Amaning Okoree". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "O".

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