



Press Brief

Assessment and Review

Background

The Protocol requires the COP-MOP to undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol, including an assessment of its procedures and annexes, at least every five years.

What has been done?

At the fourth meeting, the COP-MOP conducted the first evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol. It was noted, based on the analysis of the first national reports and the responses to the questionnaire that was sent to all Parties that limited experience had been gained by Parties in the implementation of the Protocol. The COP-MOP recognised that the lack of operational experience did not provide a good basis for effective assessment and review of the Protocol.

To facilitate the second assessment and review of the Protocol and its annexes and procedures, the COP-MOP requested the Secretariat to: (i) develop a sound methodological approach based on the information contained in the first national reports, answers to the "effectiveness questionnaire", the reports of the Compliance Committee, information on the Biosafety Clearing-House and any other relevant documents; and (ii) draft criteria or indicators that could apply in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol.

The COP-MOP also invited Parties to make submissions on a Strategic Plan for the Protocol and requested the Secretariat to present a draft Strategic Plan for consideration at the fifth meeting of the Parties. In this regard, the Secretariat prepared a draft Strategic Plan, based on the submissions received from Parties and information contained in the first national reports, and initiated consultative processes which facilitated input into the draft from a wide cross-section of Parties.



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What is expected at COP-MOP 5?

At its fifth meeting, it is expected that the COP-MOP might:

- Adopt a framework and methodology for the second assessment and review of the Protocol, describing the scope for the assessment and review, the process and timelines for information gathering and analysis and a core set of indicators that may be used.
- Request the Secretariat to collect and analyse information on the implementation of the Protocol drawn from the second national reports and other sources, including the Biosafety Clearing-House, the capacity-building Coordination Mechanism and relevant processes and organizations.
- Establish a mechanism to undertake the review and assessment, using the proposed indicators and the synthesis of information by the Secretariat, and prepare a draft report of the second evaluation and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol for consideration by the sixth meeting.
- Adopt a Strategic Plan of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011–2020) and the associated multi-year programme of work of the COP-MOP.

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