**Template for information submitted by Parties pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision CP-10/10**[[1]](#footnote-1)

***Part I. Endorsement of submission***

Name of Country:

Name of Cartagena Protocol Focal point endorsing:

Signature of the Cartagena Protocol Focal Point:

Date:

***Part II. Submission of information***

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting to the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, on decision CP-9/13, paragraph 6, decided to establish a process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues regarding risk assessment of living modified organisms for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol with a view to developing further guidance on risk assessment on the specific issues identified, taking into account annex I to that decision.

Based on the above, please submit information on the following areas:

(a) Name of Party identifying the issue/priority area taking into account the challenges to risk assessment, particularly for developing country Parties and countries with economies in transition;

(b) Indicate how the issue/priority area falls within the scope and objective of the Cartagena Protocol;

(c) Indicate how the issue/priority area pose challenges to existing risk assessment frameworks, guidance and methodologies, for example, if the issue at hand has been assessed with existing risk assessment frameworks but poses specific technical or methodological challenges that require further attention;

(d) The challenges in addressing the specific issue are clearly described; and considering, inter alia:

(e) The specific issues concerning living modified organisms that:

 (i) Have the potential to cause adverse effects on biodiversity, in particular those that are serious or irreversible, taking into account the urgent need to protect specific aspects of biodiversity, such as an endemic/rare species or a unique habitat or ecosystem, taking into account risks to human health and the value of biological diversity to indigenous peoples and local communities;

(ii) May be introduced into the environment either deliberately or accidentally;

(iii) Have the potential to disseminate across national borders;

(iv) Are already, or are likely to be, commercialized or in use somewhere in the world; and consider a stock-taking exercise to determine if resources on similar issues have been developed by national, regional and international bodies and, if so, whether such resources may be revised or adapted to the objective of the Cartagena Protocol, as appropriate.

1. Who can submit information: Parties [↑](#footnote-ref-1)