



## Convention on Biological Diversity

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### Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Eleventh meeting

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Agenda item 10

### Review of effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

## Decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 1 November 2024

### CP-11/6. Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,*  
*Recalling decision [CP-9/10](#) of 28 November 2018,*

*Having reviewed* the report of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>1</sup> on  
the implementation of the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups,<sup>2</sup>

*Taking into account* the effective use of the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of  
interest<sup>3</sup> in the selection of experts to serve in technical expert groups convened in processes under  
the Convention and its Protocols,

1. *Approves* the following amendments to the interest disclosure form contained in the  
appendix to the procedure:

(a) In the declaration sentence, at the end of the form, the following text is inserted: “If  
selected as a member of the expert group, I undertake to carry out my duties and responsibilities with  
all objectivity and, in the event that a conflict of interest is established, I undertake to recuse myself  
from relevant discussions or decision-making, as appropriate”;

(b) A “Name or description of the expert group” field is added at the beginning of the  
interest disclosure form, above the “Name” field, and a “Job title” field is added after the “Current  
employer” field;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to integrate the amendments referred to in paragraph 1  
above into the interest disclosure form and replace the original form with the amended version;

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> [CBD/SBI/4/11/Add.1](#).

<sup>3</sup> Decision [14/33](#), annex.

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to take measures, as appropriate, to enhance the application of the procedure, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,<sup>4</sup> including by:

(a) Without prejudice to item (b) of paragraph 4.4 of the procedure, disclosing to other members of the expert group and at the beginning of any meeting of an expert group significant interests that have been declared by a particular member;

(b) Publishing a summary of all declarations made and actions taken to manage any actual or potential conflicts of interest in the report on a meeting and any other outcome of work or product of an expert group;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the implementation of the procedure and, if necessary, to propose updates and amendments to the procedure for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to consider the report and any proposed amendments referred to in paragraph 4 above and to submit a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its fourteenth meeting.

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<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.