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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

Seventh meeting

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 29 September - 3 October 2014

**DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

BS-VII/8. Handling, transport, packaging and identification (Article 18)

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,

Recalling decisions BS-III/10 and BS-V/8,

Taking note of the experience and views of Parties and other Governments and relevant international organizations,

Also taking note of the additional analysis conducted by the Secretariat on information concerning potential gaps and inconsistencies in existing standards relevant to the handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms,

1. *Requests* Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and *urges* other Governments:

(a) To continue to take measures ensuring the implementation of requirements in paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and paragraph 4 or 6, as appropriate, of decision BS-III/10;

(b) To continue to identify transboundary movements of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, by incorporating the information identified in decision BS-III/10 into existing documentation accompanying living modified organisms;

(c) To cooperate with and support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in order to build the capacity to implement the identification requirements of paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18 and related decisions;

(d) To make available to the Biosafety Clearing-House any domestic regulatory requirements related to the identification and documentation of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed or for processing;

2. *Decides*, that a further review of the need for a stand-alone document is not required unless a subsequent meeting of the Parties so decides in the light of the experience gained;

3. *Invites* Parties and other Governments to use existing guidance for handling, transport and packaging of LMOs as referred to in relation to operational objective 1.6 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with relevant international standard-setting bodies and to keep Parties abreast of any new developments in relevant international regulations and to make such information available in the Biosafety Clearing-House in such a way as to make it easily retrievable;

5. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to provide the Executive Secretary with any additional information that may assist Parties in identifying and applying existing rules and standards, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to make such information available through the Biosafety Clearing-House.
