FIRST REGULAR NATIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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The Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning is a competent authority responsible for the preparation of the interim-implementation report of the Cartagena Protocol.

The Ministry of Health (food) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (feed stuffs) have contributed to the report.

Obligations for provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House

1. Several articles of the Protocol require that information be provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House (see the list below). For your Government, if there are cases where relevant information exists but has not been provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), describe any obstacles or impediments encountered regarding provision of that information (note: To answer this question, please check the BCH to determine the current status of your country's information submissions relative to the list of required information below. If you do not have access to the BCH, contact the Secretariat for a summary):

Slovenia has submitted the following information to the Biosafety Clearing House:

- existing national legislation for the implementation of the Protocol
- contact details for competent national authorities (Articles 19.2 and 19.3), national focal points (Articles 19.1 and 19.3), and emergency contacts (Article 17.2 and 17.3(e))
- responsibilities of each competent national authorities, (Articles 19.2 and 19.3)
- address of national Biosafety Website (http://www.biotechnology-gmo.gov.si)

The decisions regarding the importation or release of LMOs as well as regarding intended use as food and feed taken by EU are to be provided by the lead member state in accordance with Directive 2001/18EC or by the European Commission in accordance with the Regulation No. 1829/2003.

Slovenia has not taken any decision on a field trial during the reporting period.

2. Please provide an overview of information that is required to be provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House:

Type of information	*Information exists and is being provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House*	*Information exists but is not yet provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House*	*Information does not exist /not applicable*
a) Existing national legislation, regulations and guidelines for implementing the Protocol, as well as information required by Parties for the advance informed agreement procedure (Article 20.3(a))	X		
b) National laws, regulations and guidelines applicable to the import of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11.5);	X		
c) Bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements and arrangements (Articles 14.2, 20.3(b), and 24.1);	X		
d) Contact details for competent national authorities (Articles 19.2 and 19.3), national focal points (Articles 19.1 and 19.3), and emergency contacts (Article 17.2 and 17.3(e));	X		
e) In cases of multiple competent national authorities, responsibilities for each (Articles 19.2 and 19.3);	X		

f) Reports submitted by the Parties on the operation of the Protocol (Article 20.3(e));	X- http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/parties/reports.shtml?report=NR-CPB		
g) Occurrence of unintentional transboundary movements that are likely to have significant adverse effects on biological diversity (Article 17.1);			X
Type of information	*Information exists and is being provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House*	*Information exists but is not yet provided to the Biosafety Clearing-House*	*Information does not exist /not applicable*
h) Illegal transboundary movements of LMOs (Article 25.3);			X
i) Final decisions regarding the importation or release of LMOs (i.e. approval or prohibition, any conditions, requests for further information, extensions granted, reasons for decision) (Articles 10.3 and 20.3(d));	X- Decisions are to be provided by lead member state in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC or by the European Commission in accordance of the Regulation No. 1829/2003		
j) Information on the application of domestic regulations to specific imports of LMOs (Article 14.4);	X		
k) Final decisions regarding the domestic use of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11.1);			X
l) Final decisions regarding the import of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing that are taken under domestic regulatory frameworks (Article 11.4) or in accordance with annex III (Article 11.6) (requirement of Article 20.3(d))	X- Decisions taken by EU		
m) Declarations regarding the framework to be used for LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11.6)			X
n) Review and change of decisions regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs (Article 12.1);			X
o) LMOs granted exemption status by each Party (Article 13.1)			X
p) Cases where intentional transboundary movement may take place at the same time as the movement is notified to the Party of import (Article 13.1);			X

q) Summaries of risk assessments or environmental reviews of LMOs generated by regulatory processes and relevant information regarding products thereof (Article 20.3(c)).	X- Risk assessments are to be provided by the member state taking decision in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC or by the European Commission in accordance with the Regulation No. 1829/2003		

Article 2 – General provisions

3. Has your country introduced the necessary legal, administrative and other measures for implementation of the Protocol? (Article 2.1)	
a) full domestic regulatory framework in place (please give details below)	X
b) some measures introduced (please give details below)	
c) no measures yet taken	

4. Please provide further details about your response to the above question, as well as description of your country's experiences and progress in implementing Article 2, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:

Slovenia as an EU Member State has transposed the EC legislation on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) into national legislation through domestic legal instruments.

With the Management of Genetically Modified Organisms Act (MGMOs Act) OJ RS No. 23/2005 by accompanying provisions Slovenia has implemented Directive 98/81/EC of 26 October 1998 amending Directive 90/219/EEC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms and Directive 2001/18/EC of 12 March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and reappealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC, covering the field testing of GMOs (mainly Part B) and the placing on the market of GMOs as well as products containing or consisting of GMOs, e.g. for cultivation, import or processing into industrial products (mainly Part C).

In the case of the Regulations (EC) No 1829/2003, 1830/2003 and 1946/2003, Slovenia has introduced domestic provisions to ensure enforcement and/or transposition of following legislation:

- The Decree on the implementation of the Regulation EC No. 1846/2003 on the transboundary movements of the genetically modified organisms (OJ RS 72/2005)
- The Decree on the implementation of the Regulation EC No. 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed and
- the Regulation EC No. 1830/2003 concerning the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms (OJ RS 84/2005).

The implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Slovenia relies on the domestic measures and on a wide range of EC legislative measures applying to the use of GMOs within European Union, including imports. The main measures are Directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms, Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on GM food and feed and Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 on the transboundary movements of GMOs (adopted in June 2003).

Articles 7 to 10 and 12: The advance informed agreement procedure

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

5. Were you a Party of import during this reporting period?	
a) yes	
b) no	X

6. Were you a Party of export during this reporting period?	
a) yes	
b) no	X
7. Is there a legal requirement for the accuracy of information provided by exporters 1/ under the jurisdiction of your country? (Article 8.2)	
a) yes	X
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	
d) not applicable – not a Party of export	
8. If you were a Party of export during this reporting period, did you request any Party of import to review a decision it had made under Article 10 on the grounds specified in Article 12.2?	
a) yes (please give details below)	
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	
d) not applicable – not a Party of export	X
9. Did your country take decisions regarding import under domestic regulatory frameworks as allowed by Article 9.2(c).	
a) yes	
b) no	X
c) not applicable – no decisions taken during the reporting period	
10. If your country has been a Party of export of LMOs intended for release into the environment during the reporting period, please describe your experiences and progress in implementing Articles 7 to 10 and 12, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
During the reporting period Slovenia has not been a Party of export of GMOs which were intended for release into the environment. The export of GMOs is according to EC legislation primarily an issue between exporter and the Party of import. Slovene Competent Authorities are responsible for supervising the exporters compliance with the rules. In case of a violation of the Article 4, 5, 6 and 12 of the Regulation EC No. 1846/2003 the legal and/or physical persons should pay penalties according to the Article 7 of the Decree on the implementation of the Regulation EC No. 1846/2003 on the transboundary movements of genetically modified organisms, OJ RS 72/2005.	
11. If your country has taken decisions on import of LMOs intended for release into the environment during the reporting period, please describe your experiences and progress in implementing Articles 7 to 10 and 12, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
According to EU legislation (EU Directive 2001/18/EC and Regulation 1829/2003), all decisions	

1/ The use of terms in the questions follows the meanings accorded to them under Article 3 of the Protocol.

concerning imports of GMOs for placing on the market, including release into the environment, are made at the EU level. Decisions on the releases in the form of field trials are made at the national level. In Slovenia, Decisions on field trials are always based on the application corresponding to the provisions of Articles 7–10 and 12. Consent must be given by the competent authority before the release into the environment and there is no difference if the LMO is nationally produced or imported. During the reporting period Slovenia has not made any decision on the field trials.

Article 11 – Procedure for living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

12. Is there a legal requirement for the accuracy of information provided by the applicant with respect to the domestic use of a living modified organism that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing? (Article 11.2)	
a) yes	X
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	
d) not applicable (please give details below)	
13. Has your country indicated its needs for financial and technical assistance and capacity-building in respect of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing? (Article 11.9)	
a) yes (please give details below)	
b) no	
c) not relevant	X
14. Did your country take decisions regarding import under domestic regulatory frameworks as allowed by Article 11.4?	
a) yes	
b) no	X
c) not applicable – no decisions taken during the reporting period	
15. If your country has been a Party of export of LMOs intended for direct use for food or feed, or for processing, during the reporting period, please describe your experiences and progress in implementing Article 11, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Not applicable. Slovenia has not been a Party of export during the reporting period.	
16. If your country has been a Party of import of LMOs intended for direct use for food or feed, or for processing, during the reporting period, please describe your experiences and progress in implementing Article 11, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Decisions regarding the importation for placing on the market of GMOs, including the direct use for FFPs are made at the EU level.	

Article 13 – Simplified procedure

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

17. Have you applied the simplified procedure during the reporting period?	
a) yes	
b) no	X
18. If your country has used the simplified procedure during the reporting period, or if you have been unable to do so for some reason, please describe your experiences in implementing Article 13, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	

Article 14 – Bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and arrangements

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

19. Has your country entered into any bilateral, regional or multilateral agreements or arrangements?	
a) yes	
b) no	X
20. If your country has entered into bilateral, regional or multilateral agreements or arrangements, or if you have been unable to do so for some reason, describe your experiences in implementing Article 14 during the reporting period, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Slovenia as a Member State of the EU refers to the report from the European Commission.	

Articles 15 and 16 – Risk assessment and risk management

21. If you were a Party of import during this reporting period, were risk assessments carried out for all decisions taken under Article 10? (Article 15.2)	
a) yes	
b) no (please clarify below)	
c) not a Party of import / no decisions taken under Article 10	X
22. If yes to question 21, did you require the exporter to carry out the risk assessment?	
a) yes – in all cases	
b) yes – in some cases (please specify the number and give further details below)	
c) no	
d) not a Party of import / no decisions taken under Article 10	X
23. If you took a decision under Article 10 during the reporting period, did you require the notifier to bear the cost of the risk assessment? (Article 15.3)	
a) yes – in all cases	
b) yes – in some cases (please specify the number and give further details below)	
c) no	
d) not a Party of import / no decisions taken under Article 10	X

24. Has your country established and maintained appropriate mechanisms, measures and strategies to regulate, manage and control risks identified in the risk assessment provisions of the Protocol? (Article 16.1)	
a) yes – fully established	X
b) not yet, but under development or partially established (please give further details below)	
c) no	
25. Has your country adopted appropriate measures to prevent unintentional transboundary movements of living modified organisms? (Article 16.3)	
a) yes – fully adopted	X
b) not yet, but under development or partially adopted (please give further details below)	
c) no	
26. Does your country endeavour to ensure that any living modified organism, whether imported or locally developed, undergoes an appropriate period of observation commensurate with its life-cycle or generation time before it is put to its intended use? (Article 16.4)	
a) yes – in all cases	X
b) yes – in some cases (please give further details below)	
c) no (please give further details below)	
d) not applicable (please give further details below)	
27. Has your country cooperated with others for the purposes specified in Article 16.5?	
a) yes (please give further details below)	
b) no (please give further details below)	X
28. Please provide further details about your responses to the above questions, as well as description of your country's experiences and progress in implementing Articles 15 and 16, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Slovenia has not been a Party of import. But several notifications for placing on the market have been made via the EU application system. EU legislation stipulates that all notifications must contain a risk assessment as outlined in EU Directive 2001/18/EC. This implies an assessment of the LMO on a generation-time basis. Risk assessments are to be evaluated by all Member States. Risk assessments contained in the notifications made under the EU Regulation 1829/2003 are evaluated by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the competent authorities of the Member States. However, EU has put in place a comprehensive system of risk assessment and risk management dealing with releases into the environment or placing on the market of GMOs, whether imported into or developed within the EU. The aim of the environmental risk assessment on a case by case basis is to identify and evaluate potential adverse effects of the GMO, both direct and indirect, immediate or delayed, on human health and the environment.	

Article 17 – Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

29. During the reporting period, if there were any occurrences under your jurisdiction that led, or could have led, to an unintentional transboundary movement of a living modified organism that had, or could have had, significant adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health in such States, did you immediately consult the affected or potentially affected States for the purposes specified in Article 17.4?	
a) yes – all relevant States immediately	
b) yes – partially consulted, or consultations were delayed (please clarify below)	
c) no – did not consult immediately (please clarify below)	
d) not applicable (no such occurrences)	X
30. Please provide further details about your response to the above question, as well as description of your country's experiences in implementing Article 17, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Not applicable.	

Article 18 – Handling, transport, packaging and identification

31. Has your country taken measures to require that living modified organisms that are subject to transboundary movement within the scope of the Protocol are handled, packaged and transported under conditions of safety, taking into account relevant international rules and standards? (Article 18.1)	
a) yes (please give details below)	X
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	
d) not applicable (please clarify below)	
32. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying living modified organisms for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, clearly identifies that they 'may contain' living modified organisms and are not intended for intentional introduction into the environment, as well as a contact point for information? (Article 18.2(a))	
a) yes	X
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	
33. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying living modified organisms that are destined for contained use clearly identifies them as living modified organisms and specifies any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use, the contact point for further information, including the name and address of the individual and institution to whom the living modified organisms are consigned? (Article 18.2(b))	
a) yes	X
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	

34. Has your country adopted measures to require that documentation accompanying living modified organisms that are intended for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import and any other living modified organisms within the scope of the Protocol, clearly identifies them as living modified organisms; specifies the identity and relevant traits and/or characteristics, any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use, the contact point for further information and, as appropriate, the name and address of the importer and exporter; and contains a declaration that the movement is in conformity with the requirements of this Protocol applicable to the exporter? (Article 18.2(c))	
a) yes	X
b) not yet, but under development	
c) no	

35. Please provide further details about your responses to the above questions, as well as a description of your country's experiences and progress in implementing Article 18, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:
Slovenia refers to the report from the European Commission.

Article 19 – Competent national authorities and national focal points

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

Article 20 – Information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

36. In addition to the response to question 1, please describe any further details regarding your country's experiences and progress in implementing Article 20, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:
A pilot phase of the Slovenian Biosafety Clearing House (nBCH) in a form of the simple web page in Slovene and English language was established in 2003 under the scope of the UNEP-GEF project No. GF 2716-02-4547. Slovene site had 5492 visits while English site had 1876 during the period of 4 years. Upgrade of the simple web page into the General Slovene Biosafety website or SI Biosafety portal is the scope of the UNEP_GEF Project for Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House No. BCH/CEE/2006/08/037. SI Biosafety portal will be launched in October 2007 and will enable public to access detail information and explanations of the biosafety issues in Slovene and English language. General Slovenian Biosafety website (http://www.biotechnology-gmo.gov.si) will serve as a central assembly point of all Slovene biosafety information, including data beyond the requirements of CP, the GMOs Registry and the necessary information for the promotion of the Biosafety System in Slovenia and EU, CP and the Central BCH. In order to benefit from the BCH themost, we have to raise a profile of BCH and to increase a Biosafety issue public awareness in Slovenia. Therefore, several training and media events will be organized in the scope of the project.

Article 21 – Confidential information

37. Does your country have procedures to protect confidential information received under the Protocol and that protect the confidentiality of such information in a manner no less favourable than its treatment of confidential information in connection with domestically produced living modified organisms? (Article 21.3)	
a) yes	X
b) not yet, but under development	

c) no	
38. If you were a Party of import during this reporting period, did you permit any notifier to identify information submitted under the procedures of the Protocol or required by the Party of import as part of the advance informed agreement procedure that was to be treated as confidential? (Article 21.1)	
a) yes	
If yes, please give number of cases	
b) no	
c) not applicable – not a Party of import / no such requests received	X
39. If you answered yes to the previous question, please provide information on your experience including description of any impediments or difficulties encountered:	
In that respect, the Article 25 of the EU Directive 2001/18/EC and the Article 30 of the EU Regulation 1829/2003 implemented the Article 21 of the Protocol. This is further implemented in the Slovene Management of Genetically Modified Organisms Act, OJ RS No. 23/2005 and in the Decree on the implementation of the Regulation EC No. 1829/2003 on the genetically modified food and feed and the Regulation EC No. 1830/2003 concerning the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms, OJ RS 84/2005.	
40. If you were a Party of export during this reporting period, please describe any impediments or difficulties encountered by you, or by exporters under your jurisdiction if information is available, in the implementation of the requirements of Article 21:	
Not applicable, Slovenia has not been a Party of export during the reporting period.	

Article 22 – Capacity-building

41. If a developed country Party, during this reporting period has your country cooperated in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety for the purposes of the effective implementation of the Protocol in developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and in Parties with economies in transition?	
a) yes (please give details below)	X
b) no	
c) not applicable – not a developed country Party	
42. If yes to question 41, how has such cooperation taken place:	
Slovenia organised the 2nd Meeting of the European Advisory Committees on Biosafety in the field of the deliberate release of GMOs, 14 – 16 May 2007 in Ljubljana. Meeting made a ground for discussions and exchange views on European and wider biosafety issues. (http://www.mop.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/environment_directorate/sektor_za_biotehnologijo/2nd_meeting_of_european_advisory_committees_on_biosafety/)	
43. If a developing country Party, or Party with an economy in transition, during this reporting period has your country contributed to the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety for the purposes of the effective implementation of the Protocol in another developing country Party or Party with an economy in transition?	
a) yes (please give details below)	

b) no	
c) not applicable – not a developing country Party	X
44. If yes to question 43, how has such cooperation taken place:	
45. If a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition, have you benefited from cooperation for technical and scientific training in the proper and safe management of biotechnology to the extent that it is required for biosafety?	
a) yes – capacity-building needs fully met (please give details below)	
b) yes – capacity-building needs partially met (please give details below)	
c) no – capacity-building needs remain unmet (please give details below)	
d) no – we have no unmet capacity-building needs in this area	
e) not applicable – not a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition	X
46. If a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition, have you benefited from cooperation for technical and scientific training in the use of risk assessment and risk management for biosafety?	
a) yes – capacity-building needs fully met (please give details below)	
b) yes – capacity-building needs partially met (please give details below)	
c) no – capacity-building needs remain unmet (please give details below)	
d) no – we have no unmet capacity-building needs in this area	
e) not applicable – not a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition	X
47. If a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition, have you benefited from cooperation for technical and scientific training for enhancement of technological and institutional capacities in biosafety?	
a) yes – capacity-building needs fully met (please give details below)	
b) yes – capacity-building needs partially met (please give details below)	
c) no – capacity-building needs remain unmet (please give details below)	
d) no – we have no unmet capacity-building needs in this area	
e) not applicable – not a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition	X
48. Please provide further details about your responses to the above questions, as well as description of your country's experiences and progress in implementing Article 22, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
No further comments	

Article 23 – Public awareness and participation

49. Does your country promote and facilitate public awareness, education and participation concerning

the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms in relation to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health? (Article 23.1(a))	
a) yes – significant extent	
b) yes – limited extent	X
c) no	
50. If yes, do you cooperate with other States and international bodies?	
a) yes – significant extent	
b) yes – limited extent	X
c) no	
51. Does your country endeavour to ensure that public awareness and education encompass access to information on living modified organisms identified in accordance with the Protocol that may be imported? (Article 23.1(b))	
a) yes – fully	X
b) yes – limited extent	
c) no	
52. Does your country, in accordance with its respective laws and regulations, consult the public in the decision-making process regarding living modified organisms and make the results of such decisions available to the public? (Article 23.2)	
a) yes – fully	X
b) yes – limited extent	
c) no	
53. Has your country informed its public about the means of public access to the Biosafety Clearing-House? (Article 23.3)	
a) yes – fully	X
b) yes – limited extent	
c) no	
54. Please provide further details about your responses to the above questions, as well as description of your country's experiences and progress in implementing Article 23, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Slovenian BCH (http://www.biotechnology-gmo.gov.si) The Slovenian GMOs authorities websites: Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning (http://www.mop.gov.si/) Ministry of Health (http://www.mz.gov.si/) Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (http://www.mkgp.gov.si/)	

Article 24 – Non-Parties

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

55. Have there been any transboundary movements of living modified organisms between your country and a non-Party during the reporting period?	
a) yes	
b) no	X

56. If there have been transboundary movements of living modified organisms between your country and a non-Party, please provide information on your experience, including description of any impediments or difficulties encountered:
Slovenia refers to the report from the European Commission.

Article 25 – Illegal transboundary movements

See question 1 regarding provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House.

57. Has your country adopted appropriate domestic measures to prevent and penalize, as appropriate, transboundary movements of living modified organisms carried out in contravention of its domestic measures? (Article 25.1)	
a) yes	X
b) no	
58. Have there been any illegal transboundary movements of living modified organisms into your country during the reporting period?	
a) yes	X
b) no	
59. Please provide further details about your response to the above question, as well as description of your country's experiences in implementing Article 25, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:	
Any infringement of the EU Regulation No 1946/2003 will be regarded in Slovenia as an infringement of the Decree on the implementation of the Regulation (EC) No. 1846/2003 (OJ RS 72/2005) and the penalties laid down in the Decree will apply. The infringements of the Management of the Geneticall Modified Organisms Act (MGMO ACT) (OJ 23/2005) which transpose Directive 2001/18/EC will also apply penalties laid down in the Act.	

Article 26 – Socio-economic considerations

60. If during this reporting period your country has taken a decision on import, did it take into account socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, especially with regard to the value of biological diversity to indigenous and local communities? (Article 26.1)	
a) yes – significant extent	
b) yes – limited extent	
c) no	
d) not a Party of import	X
61. Has your country cooperated with other Parties on research and information exchange on any socio-economic impacts of living modified organisms, especially on indigenous and local communities? (Article 26.2)	
a) yes – significant extent	
b) yes – limited extent	
c) no	X

62. Please provide further details about your responses to the above questions, as well as description of your country's experiences and progress in implementing Article 26, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:

Article 28 – Financial mechanism and resources

63. Please indicate if, during the reporting period, your Government made financial resources available to other Parties or received financial resources from other Parties or financial institutions, for the purposes of implementation of the Protocol.	
a) yes – made financial resources available to other Parties	X
b) yes – received financial resources from other Parties or financial institutions	
c) both	
d) neither	

64. Please provide further details about your response to the above question, as well as description of your country's experiences, including any obstacles or impediments encountered:
Slovenia has provided resources to funds for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: - Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI** Trust Fund).

Other information

65. Please use this box to provide any other information related to articles of the Protocol, questions in the reporting format, or other issues related to national implementation of the Protocol:
No further comments

Comments on reporting format

The wording of these questions is based on the Articles of the Protocol. Please provide information on any difficulties that you have encountered in interpreting the wording of these questions:

No difficulties encountered