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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION Third meeting Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 17-29 November 2018 Agenda item 11

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

3/4. Monitoring and reporting (Article 29)

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing,

Recognizing the importance of improving the alignment of national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols and of enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and reporting tools for the Sustainable Development Goals, and *noting* the progress made thus far in this respect,

- 1. Accepts the invitation of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention contained in decision 14/27, paragraph 1, and agrees to have a synchronized national reporting cycle commencing in 2023;
- 2. *Welcomes* the fact that 82 of the 100 Parties that had the obligation to report have submitted their interim national report;
 - 3. Also welcomes the interim national reports submitted by non-Parties;
- 4. *Urges* Parties that have not yet submitted their interim national report to do so as soon as possible;
- 5. Expresses its appreciation for the financial support provided by the Global Environment Facility for a number of eligible Parties to support the preparation of their interim national reports, and *notes* the importance of timely availability of financial resources to support the preparation and submission of national reports by the reporting deadline;
- 6. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Secretariat to assist Parties in submitting interim national reports;
- 7. *Requests* the Compliance Committee to provide an input to the review of the reporting format for the next reporting cycle;
- 8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to review the reporting format for its consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting, taking

¹ See General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015.

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into account comments received, input from the Compliance Committee, the framework of indicators contained in decision NP-3/1, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the alignment of national reports under the Convention and its Protocols, while bearing in mind the need for continuity in the format in order to measure progress in implementation;

9. Decides to revisit the issue of intervals for reporting at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, taking into account the alignment of national reports under the Convention and its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.