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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

Second meeting
Agenda item 14

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

2/14. Digital sequence information on genetic resources

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol,

Noting that digital sequence information¹ on genetic resources is a cross-cutting issue that may concern the objective of the Nagoya Protocol,

Also noting rapid advances arising from research and development in biotechnology regarding the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources and therefore *recognizing* the importance of addressing this matter within the framework of the Nagoya Protocol in a timely manner,

Recognizing the need for a coordinated and non-duplicative approach on this matter under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol and *acknowledging* decision XIII/16,

1. *Decides* to consider at its third meeting any potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the objective of the Nagoya Protocol;
2. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations and stakeholders to include in their views and relevant information submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision XIII/16 information relevant to the Nagoya Protocol;
3. *Notes* that, in decision XIII/16, the Executive Secretary is requested to compile and synthesize the views and information submitted and to commission a study, which are to be considered by an ad hoc technical expert group;
4. *Welcomes* the invitation by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, as provided in paragraph 6 of decision XIII/16;
5. *Decides* that the ad hoc technical expert group referred to in that paragraph will also serve the Nagoya Protocol by considering the information relevant to the Nagoya Protocol in the compilation, synthesis and study prepared in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision XIII/16;

¹ Terminology is subject to further discussion in the study and the expert group.

6. *Requests* the ad hoc technical expert group to submit its outcomes for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the outcomes of the ad hoc technical expert group and to make a recommendation on the potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the objective of the Nagoya Protocol for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its third meeting.
