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CBD Notification 2012-118 - Follow-up to the Second Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol and Preparations for CoP11.

In response to the above notification, please be informed that the underlisted steps were taken towards the ratification and implementation of Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS):

- i. Nigeria signed the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and the Kuala Supplementary Protocol on liability and redress to the Cartagena protocol on Biosafety on the 1st of February 2012.
- ii. Two (2) copies of instrument of ratification (Nagoya protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and Nagoya -Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena protocol on Biosafety) signed by the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and were forwarded to the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in New York for further necessary action.
- iii. The implementation of Nagoya Protocol on ABS is cross-cutting and participatory as the Inter-Ministerial Committee on ABS (IMCABS) was inaugurated in November 2000 by Mr. President. The mandate of the

Committee is to formulate the legislative, administrative and policy guideline to drive Bio-prospecting, Access and Benefit Sharing arrangement.

iv. Consequently, a draft policy has been put in place and would be subjected to further review by the IMCABS.


v. Two applications for MTA/ABS permits were received viz:

(a) A Japanese scientist is working on African chironomid in collaboration with the University of Ibadan.

(b) University of Ilorin is seeking ABS permit to sample Lizards and some reptiles (Hosts to plasmodium) to elucidate the evolutionary history of genus, plasmodium and analyse the different mechanisms responsible for the survival in its hosts. The research is in the collaboration with Prof. Iris Bruchhaus, Bernard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Hamburg, Germany.

(c) The IMCABS will hold its meeting before the end of the year to consider the applications.

2. Please accept the assurances of the Hon. Minister's highest regards.

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for: Honourable Minister