NOTIFICATION
EXTENSION OF DEADLINE: Call for nominations for the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house

Madam/Sir,

I would like to refer to notifications 2014-127 issued on 4 November 2014 and 2014-136 of 3 December 2014, respectively inviting and reminding Parties to submit their nominations for the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) to the Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) Clearing-House.

Given the small number of nominations received to date and in order to ensure fair and equitable geographical distribution, as well as gender balance, the deadline for submission of these nominations has been extended to 30 January 2015.

Parties that have not yet done so are kindly invited to submit their nomination through an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary and signed by the National Focal Point for the Nagoya Protocol or a senior government official. The nominations should contain the name and full contact information of the nominee, including an e-mail address, the *curriculum vitae* of the nominee, together with the questionnaire herewith enclosed duly completed.

I thank you for your usual cooperation and for your continued support for the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: Nagoya Protocol National Focal Points
Questionnaire to be answered by the nominated expert and attached to his/her curriculum vitae:

1. Please describe your current level of involvement in activities relevant to the Nagoya Protocol and access and benefit-sharing both nationally and regionally.

2. Please describe your previous engagement and experience relevant to the ABS Clearing-House.

3. Being a member of the informal advisory committee may require your active participation in online forums, testing new features of the ABS Clearing-House, providing feedback, helping in the development of capacity-building tools, as well as assisting in the engagement and promotion of the ABS Clearing-House in your region. Please, describe how you foresee your participation and contribution to the ABS Clearing-House as a future a member of the informal advisory committee.