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NOTIFICATION

Extension of deadline: Submission of views on issues for further consideration for digital sequence information on genetic resources

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification 2023-003, issued on 31 January 2023, inviting the submission of views, in accordance with decision 15/9 on digital sequence information on genetic resources, on the issues set out in the annex to the decision. For ease of reference, the list of issues is reproduced in the annex to this notification.

The Secretariat is extending the deadline to allow for the submission of additional views. Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations that have not yet done so are invited to submit views as soon as possible, but no later than 31 March 2023. Kindly note that submissions should be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of decision 15/9, these submissions will be compiled and synthesized, posted on the Secretariat website and made available to the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefitsharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resource.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols.

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

David Cooper Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations









Annex

Issues for further consideration (reproduced from the Annex to decision 15/9)

- a. Governance of the fund;
- b. Triggering points for benefit-sharing;
- c. Contributions to the fund;
- d. Potential to voluntarily extend the multilateral mechanism to genetic resources or biological diversity;
- e. Disbursement of monetary benefits, including information on geographical origin as one of the criteria;
- f. Non-monetary benefit-sharing, including information on geographical origin as one of the criteria;
- g. Other policy options for the sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including as identified through further analysis as referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision 15/9;
- h. Capacity development and technology transfer;
- i. Monitoring and evaluation and review of effectiveness;
- j. Adaptability of the mechanism to other resource mobilization instruments or funds;
- k. Interface between national systems and the multilateral mechanism on benefit-sharing;
- 1. Relationship with the Nagoya Protocol;
- m. Role, rights and interests of indigenous peoples and local communities, including associated traditional knowledge;
- n. Role and interests of industry and academia;
- o. Linkages between research and technology and the multilateral mechanism on benefit-sharing;
- p. Principles of data governance.