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Dear Mr. Dias,

In respect to the Notification SCBD/ABS/VN/jh/84620 NOTIFICATION No. 2015-128 we would like to say that to start the activity of the Compliance Committee in effective manner we think that some steps should be done now:

- a) Ask Parties to provide the Compliance Committee with information of current situation in regard to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol;
- b) Ask Parties to submit to the Committee their needs and obstacles (challenges) related to harmonization of the national legislation and administrative system with the Nagoya Protocol, and
- c) Inform if the Plan of Activities is prepared by Parties (if they have them) to promote the ABS National Framework or any information the Party wants to present.

That information can be used as a baseline to go ahead with recommendations and other kind of support to Parties from the Compliance Committee.

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

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