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**Submission from Japan Bioindustry Association (JBA)
on the information to contribute to the first assessment and review
of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol**

Dear Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD
Executive Secretary of the Convention of Biological Diversity

Japan Bioindustry Association (JBA) thanks for the invitation to provide information on the development, update and use of model contractual clauses, code of conduct, guidelines, best practices and/or standards in relation to access and benefit-sharing in the notification on “Contribution to the first Assessment and Review of the Effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol” (Ref.: SCBD/SPS/DC/VN/BG/JR/86908 of 16 October 2017).

JBA would like to submit the information on our “Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources for Uses in Japan (Second Edition)”.

<https://absch.cbd.int/api/v2013/documents/4BE25F6B-9A84-7A4A-D1E5-6E86A8E0607C/attachments/Guidelines%20on%20Access%20to%20Genetic%20Resources%20for%20Users%20in%20Japan%20Second%20Edition.pdf>

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan and JBA developed the first edition of “Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources for Uses in Japan” as a voluntary guidelines in 2005. More than 1,000 of such guidelines had been distributed to stakeholders at JBA’s awareness raising activities on access and benefit-sharing (ABS) throughout Japan.

After the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol, we updated them by adding concepts and provisions of the Nagoya Protocol and published the 2nd edition of “Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources for Uses in Japan” in March 2012.

The unique point of these guidelines is focusing on “for users”. Japanese industry has been keeping in mind the principle of ABS and complying with the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol by following these guidelines since 2005.

JBA hopes these guidelines are useful for all stakeholders related to access and benefit-sharing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yoshiaki Tsukamoto', written in a cursive style.

Yoshiaki Tsukamoto
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