

Respected Executive Secretary,

Greetings from Bangladesh. I am pleased to inform you regarding above mentioned subject that Bangladesh is actively considering the issue of Ratification of the Nagoya Protocol. Yet, without proper ABS-legislation and institutional framework in place, Bangladesh is not in favor of ratifying the protocol. Bangladesh is of the opinion that as a provider country, it would be difficult to process the notifications of handling genetic resources in the absence of institutional, legislative, technical and technological capabilities to address ABS. Bangladesh is underscoring the need to introduce more specific national legislation, regulations or policies to effectively implement the Protocol. To this end, Government of Bangladesh has never been standstill in undertaking initiatives. We have already formulated Bangladesh Biological Diversity Act 2012 that is in the process to be finalized for coming into force. This Act covers the issues of ABS. Yet, establishing broader ABS framework could never be ended with formulating the Act. Enacting the Act and developing detailed Rules, Manuals and Guidelines to operationalize the Act would require huge involvement of and consultations with the stakeholders. Bangladesh is intended to consult the stakeholders at every stage before going for ratification of the ABS protocol. One such consultation has already been planned to be held before COP 11 to inform the stakeholders on Nagoya Protocol. Bangladesh has already contacted UNEP on channeling Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund for furthering the capacity building activities. Therefore, Bangladesh is wished-for ratifying the protocol in the process of completion of the preparatory capacity building activities.

Bangladesh submission on ICNP-2 Recommendations

Bangladesh supports the ICNP-2 draft recommendations contained in Annex I which are addressed to be considered by COP/MOP 1. However, Bangladesh recommends that under Operational Arrangements between the Convention and the GEF Council regarding Implementation of Nagoya Protocol, COP/MOP shall highlight that:

- *To assist developing and least developed country parties in fulfilling their commitments under the Nagoya Protocol a fast-track financial mechanism would be established and operationalized towards speedy implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.*

Bangladesh also accords supports to the recommendations of ICNP-2 to the COP-11 on GEF finance projects that will assist in capacity building activities towards early

ratification by the developing and least developed country parties. Bangladesh places utmost emphasis on the issue that COP-11 would recommend the allocation of funds by the GEF in a separate window specific to ABS activities under the STAR allocation of GEF.

Bangladesh accords full support to the eligibility criteria of GEF Funding as recommended by ICNP-2 for consideration of COP/MOP.

Bangladesh would also go along the draft recommendations contained in Annex II, put forwarded for consideration by COP 11. However, on the issues of programme priorities chalked-out for inclusion in the four-year framework over the period 2014-2018, Bangladesh would add, amongst other issues, that GEF-6 would support the activities on *furnishing of Detailed Inventory and Development of Register on Genetic Resources so that access and benefit sharing function could be done smoothly.*

Finally, in the line with the ICNP recommendations Bangladesh expects that COP would urge GEF to provide financial support to developing and least developed country parties on an urgent basis with the view towards Protocol's early ratification and implementation.

With best regards,
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