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To the

CBD Executive Secretary

Experiences of Botanical Gardens with obtaining PICs and other procedures connected with the implementation or application of the Nagoya Protocol

Dear colleagues,

First of all my apologies that our report on this issue is slightly delayed – it took some time to gather relevant information from our community.

Here some of our experiences:

- In the context of preparations for research projects and cooperations we meanwhile have experienced several cases of difficulties to obtain PICs (as well in NP parties as well as others who have not yet joined the NP so).
- The reasons in NP-parties were that either CNs were not yet established formally or, if established, did not react on requests about procedures to obtain PICs.
- From our viewpoint even more problematic is that some non-NP-parties now require export permits with reference to the NP regulations. This all affects especially applications for “basic science“, i.e., non-commercial research, an area the NP is not applicable to.
- As a result, the first basic research applications and projects had to be cancelled.
- Unfortunately, the organisations reporting these problems back to me asked me not to name the parties they faced problems with, because they fear that, if these countries become aware of the complaint, they will not get permits at all any more in the future.
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With best regards

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