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**Conference of the Parties to the Convention
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of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access
to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable
Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization
Fifth meeting**

Cali, Colombia, 21 October–1 November 2024

Agenda item 9

**Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House
and information-sharing**

Working Group II

Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing,

Recalling paragraph 3 of decision [NP-3/3](#) of 29 November 2018, in which Parties that had not yet done so were urged to publish all mandatory information available at the national level on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House in accordance with the obligations in paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization,¹ as soon as possible, considering that the publication of mandatory information in the Clearing-House was essential for the implementation of the Protocol,

Recalling also paragraph 4 of decision NP-3/3, in which Parties were urged to provide information on their national access and benefit-sharing procedures through the voluntary common format on procedures, as available in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House,

Recalling further paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of decision NP-3/3, in which Parties, non-Parties and relevant organizations were invited to make use of the interoperability mechanisms of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House to facilitate information exchange with their relevant databases, websites and information technology systems; Parties, non-Parties and relevant organizations, as appropriate, were invited to include capacity-building activities related to the Clearing-House in their relevant capacity-building activities, plans and projects in coordination with the Executive Secretary; and Parties, non-Parties, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, were invited to support capacity-building activities related to the Clearing-House, including the Nagoya Protocol system for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Parties, non-Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders to make information available in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
2. *Expresses* appreciation for the technical guidance provided by the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
3. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Secretariat in the development and administration of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
4. *Notes with concern* that many Parties have not yet published on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House all mandatory information available at the national level, as required under paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, and notes in particular the low number of Parties publishing information on internationally recognized certificates of compliance and checkpoint communiqués;
5. *Urges* Parties to publish all mandatory national information on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, as required under paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, as well as any additional information relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, if available and as appropriate;
6. *Invites* other Governments to publish relevant available national information on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, in accordance with the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;
7. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and, as appropriate, relevant organizations, in coordination with the Executive Secretary, to include in relevant capacity-building and development plans and projects activities that contribute to fulfilling the information-sharing obligations under the Nagoya Protocol and the management and efficient publication of relevant national information on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
8. *Invites* Parties, non-Parties, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, to support the capacity-building and development plans, projects and activities referred to in paragraph 7 above;
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:
 - (a) To continue to develop and administer the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, in accordance with its modalities of operation, and taking into account any feedback received, in particular from Parties and the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including the goals and priorities for the further development and administration of the Clearing-House by the Secretariat, taking into account the need for continued capacity-building and development;²
 - (b) To hold a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee in the intersessional period before the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and, as needed, informal online discussions and report on the outcomes of the Committee's work at the sixth meeting.

² [CBD/NP/ABSCH-IAC/2024/1/4, annex I.](#)