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OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM
THEIR UTILIZATION
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Montreal (Online), 25-27 November 2020

CLOSING COMMUNICATION BY THE PRESIDENT

Excellencies, distinguished representatives,

I would like to welcome all representatives to this, the last day of the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Further to my communication opening the resumed sessions, I am pleased to announce that the extraordinary meetings that were held, through the silence procedure, from 16 to 19 November 2020, and from 25 to 27 November 2020 (resumed sessions), have finally achieved their objective of adopting an interim budget for the year 2021. I would like to express my deepest thanks to all representatives for their understanding, contribution and cooperation. In this closing communication, I would like to report on the following items.

Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties

By 26 November 2020, representatives of 97 Parties to the Convention, 85 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and 65 Parties to the Nagoya Protocol submitted credentials that comply with the requirements of rule 18 of the rules of procedure.

The Bureau reminds representatives of those Parties that have not submitted their credentials to date to do so as soon as possible and no later than 31 December 2020 and requests the Secretariat to follow up with the Parties concerned.

Item 4. Proposed interim budget for 2021

I am pleased to announce that no comments were received during the last 48 hours. Through their silence, Parties expressed their agreement to the adoption of the decisions submitted to them. Therefore, the following decisions on the interim budget for the year 2021, are adopted by the respective body:

(a) Proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, for the year 2021 (CBD/ExCOP/2/L.2);

(b) Proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the year 2021 (CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.2);

(c) Proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, for the year 2021 (CBD/NP/ExMOP/1/L.2).

Item 5. Adoption of the report

Further to my last communication, I am circulating the reports of each meeting (CBD/ExCOP/2/L.1, CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/L.1 and CBD/NP/ExMOP/1/L.1) which, at this point, are deemed to have been adopted by the respective body.

Item 6. Closure of the meeting

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to all representatives who were engaged with us in this extraordinary process over the last two weeks for their patience, cooperation and contribution. The success of these meetings will certainly contribute to maintaining the current momentum in the global efforts being made to combat the loss of biodiversity and saving Nature, the very foundation of the lives and livelihoods of human beings.

I hope the people of the world will continue standing together and overcome soon the challenges posed by the current pandemic.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in China.

With this, I would like to declare the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, closed.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Yasmine Fouad
President, Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on Biological Diversity
