

## **Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

### *The Subsidiary Body on Implementation*

*Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt elements of a decision<sup>1</sup> along the following lines:

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to analyse and evaluate the feasibility, practicality and technical challenges of a potential additional modality to allow entities to calculate their contributions to the Cali Fund exclusively on the basis of the products or services in their portfolio developed directly or indirectly using digital sequence information on genetic resources and with a view for the Conference of the Parties to consider such modalities at its eighteenth meeting in light of the outcomes and recommendations resulting from the first review of effectiveness of the Multilateral Mechanism, including the Cali Fund, also to be undertaken at the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

2. *Urges* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and stakeholders, including the private sector, to organize participatory activities to encourage private sector engagement and contributions to the Cali Fund;

3. *Strongly encourages* Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations to support the work of the Steering Committee of the Multilateral Mechanism, including the Cali Fund, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>2</sup> acting as the interim Secretariat of the Mechanism, through financial support and informal activities, such as workshops on the operationalization of the Mechanism, including the Cali Fund, and related items;

4. *Invites*, with the aim to make digital sequence information on genetic resources publicly available and accessible in a transparent and accountable manner:

(a) Indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth within those communities, with the support of and, where relevant, in collaboration with Parties; and, as appropriate, relevant organizations and initiatives; to develop their self-led educational material for the use of database operators, scientific and research institutions, the Secretariat and other stakeholders, as relevant, on the management and governance of data linked to indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth within those communities and their traditional knowledge, providing guidance for scientific publications on research using digital sequence information on genetic resources;

(b) Database managers and users to develop and progressively implement:

- (i) Standardized metadata and good practices that support improved accessibility, transparency and accountability in databases hosting digital sequence information on genetic resources, including as appropriate; provenance information;
- (ii) Declarations relating to lawful submission of digital sequence information, where applicable;
- (iii) Standardized rights and permissions information, including free prior and informed consent;

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<sup>1</sup> The estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities outlined in the draft decision are shown in the annex to the present document.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

- (iv) Interoperable metadata standards;
  - (v) Alignment with the CARE (collective benefits, authority to control, responsibility and ethics), FAIR (findability, accessibility, interoperability and reusability) and TRUST (transparency, responsibility, user-focus, sustainability and technology) principles as well as the recommendations set out in section III of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Recommendation on Open Science.
5. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to provide capacity-building and financial support for the work outlined in subparagraph 5 (a) above;
6. *Invites* the various actors referenced in paragraph 5 above to inform the Secretariat of relevant work undertaken and its results;
7. *Request* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:
- (a) To develop educational material on the Convention on its access and benefit-sharing obligations and expectations for use by database operators, scientific and research institutions and other stakeholders, as relevant;
  - (b) To request and collect the information mentioned in paragraph 7 as well as materials pursuant to paragraph 8(a) to disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism as well as relevant tools resulting from the work in paragraph 8(a);
  - (c) To issue a call for information on other platforms and clearing houses outside of the Convention and its protocols to collaborate on the dissemination of these education materials;
8. *Adopts* the review methodology contained in the annex to document CBD/SBI/7/5/Add.2;
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Steering Committee, and in line with the review methodology and subject to the availability of resources:
- (a) To develop and disseminate a survey available in all United Nations languages to collect relevant data and information from Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and other relevant stakeholders and organizations, including the scientific community, database managers, and the private sector, in order to inform the first review of the effectiveness of the Multilateral Mechanism and inform the development of surveys for future reviews, and invites the actors concerned to respond to the survey;
  - (b) To commission a review report that will contain an analysis of data and information pursuant to subparagraph 10 (a) above and in line with the pillars and governance assessment collected, information from the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>3</sup> and other readily available sources, as relevant, and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Multilateral Mechanism, including the Cali Fund;
  - (c) To submit the review report to the Steering Committee to give it the opportunity to share its views on the report and recommendations that it may have, prior to submitting the report and any recommendations of the Steering Committee to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;
10. *Requests* that, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation review the views and recommendations

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<sup>3</sup> Decision [15/4](#), annex.

of the Steering Committee on the review report, if any, and, as relevant, submit a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

–Placeholder: annexSBI 7/5/add.2

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