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**Conference of the Parties to the Convention  
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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**

**Decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on  
Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya  
Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable  
Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization on 30 October 2024**

**NP-5/4. Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing**

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol,*

*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 in 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,<sup>1</sup> 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 of the Convention on Biological Diversity;<sup>2</sup> and Parties, non-Parties, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, were

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

invited to support capacity-building activities related to the Clearing-House, including the Nagoya Protocol system for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources,

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 in 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. *Acknowledges* that many developing country Parties face significant capacity constraints on publishing and managing their information and using the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House effectively;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to develop a capacity-building project aimed at enhancing the ability of developing country Parties to use and contribute effectively to the global operations of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including through the development of national information-sharing systems and the provision of technical support;

7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to provide financial support for projects related to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House that enhance the capacities of developing country Parties;

8. *Urges* Parties to publish all mandatory national information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, as required under paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol and in 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;

9. *Invites* other Governments to publish relevant available national information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, in accordance with the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol and decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;

10. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and, as appropriate, relevant organizations, in coordination with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 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 in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;

11. *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 10 above;

12. *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, 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,<sup>3</sup> and the need for continued capacity-building and development, and to provide technical support and guidance to Parties on how to publish and update information and how to use the Clearing-House effectively;

(b) To hold a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House 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 to report on the outcomes of the Committee's work at the sixth meeting.

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<sup>3</sup> [CBD/NP/ABSCH-IAC/2024/1/4, annex I.](#)