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INFORMATION CONCERNING MATTERS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM 14**OPTIONS FOR ENHANCING INTEGRATION AMONG THE CONVENTION AND ITS
PROTOCOLS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF MEETINGS**

Note by the Executive Secretary

In the context of agenda item 14 of the meeting, the Executive Secretary circulates herewith the following information:

(a) Information on the level of participation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition at the last two meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols (as referred to in document UNEP/CBD/SBI/12/Add.1, para. 42), in section I;

(b) The distribution of national focal points of the Convention and the Protocols (as referred to in UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/12/Add.1, para. 27), in section II;

(c) Letters of offer to host the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties (as referred to in UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/Add.2, para. 9), in section III.

* UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/Rev.1.

I. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES AND PARTIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION AT THE LAST TWO MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION AND THE MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOLS

Table 1: Representation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP 6) and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 11) in 2012*:

	Number of representatives to the			
	COP-MOP 6			COP 11
	Total	MOP 6 only	MOP 6 + COP 11	Total
AFGHANISTAN*				3
ALBANIA				
ALGERIA				5
ANGOLA				1
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1		1	2
ARGENTINA*	2		2	9
ARMENIA	1		1	1
AZERBAIJAN				1
BAHAMAS				
BAHRAIN	2		2	6
BANGLADESH	1		1	5
BARBADOS				
BELARUS				1
BELIZE				
BENIN	2		2	3
BHUTAN	1		1	5
BOLIVIA	3		3	6
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA				7
BOTSWANA	3	2	1	6
BRAZIL	13	7	6	33
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM*				3
BULGARIA				7
BURKINA FASO				12
BURUNDI	1		1	3
CABO VERDE				1
CAMBODIA	6	2	4	10
CAMEROON	2	1	1	3

* Not Party to the Cartagena Protocol at the date of opening of COP-MOP 6.

	Number of representatives to the			
	COP-MOP 6			COP 11
	Total	MOP 6 only	MOP 6 + COP 11	Total
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	1		1	2
CHAD	1		1	3
CHILE*				5
CHINA	15	12	3	29
COLOMBIA	4	4		11
COMOROS	1		1	5
CONGO	3	2	1	2
COOK ISLANDS*				1
COSTA RICA	2	2		10
COTE D'IVOIRE*				3
CROATIA	1		1	7
CUBA	1	1		3
CYPRUS	4		4	8
CZECH REPUBLIC	1	1		9
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2		2	2
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	1		1	10
DJIBOUTI				
DOMINICA				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	1		4
ECUADOR	2	1	1	18
EGYPT	1		1	3
EL SALVADOR				1
EQUATORIAL GUINEA*				2
ERITREA				
ESTONIA				5
ETHIOPIA	1		1	4
FIJI	2		2	3
GABON				3
GAMBIA				5
GEORGIA	1		1	2
GHANA	2	1	1	10
GRENADA	2		2	4
GUATEMALA	2	1	1	5
GUINEA	1	1		2
GUINEA-BISSAU	1		1	2
GUYANA	1		1	2
HAITI*	1	1		2
HONDURAS	1	1		1
HUNGARY	2	1	1	4
INDIA	68	5	63	273

	Number of representatives to the			
	COP-MOP 6			COP 11
	Total	MOP 6 only	MOP 6 + COP 11	Total
INDONESIA	2	1	1	26
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)				4
IRAQ*	6		6	17
JAMAICA				
JORDAN	1		1	1
KAZAKHSTAN				1
KENYA	10	9	1	18
KIRIBATI	1		1	4
KUWAIT*	3		3	8
KYRGYZSTAN				2
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	1	1		3
LATVIA				2
LEBANON*				1
LESOTHO	1		1	6
LIBERIA	1		1	8
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	1	1		4
LITHUANIA	2	2		4
MADAGASCAR	1	1		7
MALAWI				3
MALAYSIA	5	3	2	20
MALDIVES	1		1	5
MALI	1		1	5
MARSHALL ISLANDS				3
MAURITANIA	1		1	1
MAURITIUS				3
MEXICO	14	13	1	8
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)*				3
MONGOLIA	1	1		3
MONTENEGRO				1
MOROCCO	1		1	6
MOZAMBIQUE	2		2	10
MYANMAR				1
NAMIBIA	7	1	6	21
NAURU	2		2	2
NEPAL*				7
NICARAGUA	1	1		
NIGER	1	1		9
NIGERIA	1	1		
NIUE				

	Number of representatives to the			
	COP-MOP 6			COP 11
	Total	MOP 6 only	MOP 6 + COP 11	Total
OMAN	3	1	2	7
PAKISTAN	2	2		2
PALAU				
PANAMA	1	1		1
PAPUA NEW GUINEA				
PARAGUAY	11	10	1	2
PERU	1	1		13
PHILIPPINES	6	6		14
POLAND	2	2		7
QATAR	2	2		4
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	1		1	2
ROMANIA				
RUSSIAN FEDERATION*				4
RWANDA				3
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	1		1	1
SAINT LUCIA	1		1	2
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES				
SAMOA				2
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE*				1
SAUDI ARABIA	8	7	1	15
SENEGAL	1	1		7
SERBIA	1		1	3
SEYCHELLES	2	1	1	4
SIERRA LEONE*				3
SINGAPORE*				3
SLOVAKIA	1		1	4
SLOVENIA				1
SOLOMON ISLANDS	1		1	2
SOMALIA	1		1	3
SOUTH AFRICA	9	7	2	53
SRI LANKA	3		3	9
SUDAN	2		2	6
SURINAME				
SWAZILAND	1	1		1
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	1		1	1
TAJIKISTAN	2		2	3
THAILAND	6	5	1	37
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA				1
TIMOR-LESTE*				4
TOGO	1		1	4

	Number of representatives to the			
	COP-MOP 6			COP 11
	Total	MOP 6 only	MOP 6 + COP 11	Total
TONGA	1	1		1
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1		1	1
TUNISIA	2	1	1	4
TURKEY	5	5		8
TURKMENISTAN				
TUVALU*				1
UGANDA	6	1	5	7
UKRAINE				
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES*				2
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	5		5	14
URUGUAY	2	2		3
UZBEKISTAN*				
VANUATU*				
VENEZUELA				2
VIET NAM	1	1		5
YEMEN	1		1	3
ZAMBIA	5	5		13
ZIMBABWE	2	2		4
	334	148	186	1122

Table 2: Representation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition at the seventh meeting of the COP-MOP to the Cartagena Protocol, the twelfth meeting of the COP and the first meeting of the COP-MOP to the Nagoya Protocol held in 2014[^]:

	Number of representatives to the						
	COP-MOP 7 (CP)			COP 12	COP-MOP 1 (NP)		
	Total	COP-MOP 7 only	COP-MOP 7 + COP 12	Total	Total	COP-MOP 1 only	COP12 + COP-MOP1
AFGHANISTAN				2			
ALBANIA	1		1	7	1		1
ALGERIA				7			
ANGOLA	1		1	8			
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA				1			
ARGENTINA*	2	1	1	5	8	3	5
ARMENIA							
AZERBAIJAN							
BAHAMAS							
BAHRAIN				4	4		4

[^] Party to the Nagoya Protocol at the date of opening of COP-MOP 1

	Number of representatives to the						
	COP-MOP 7 (CP)			COP 12	COP-MOP 1 (NP)		
	Total	COP-MOP 7 only	COP-MOP 7 + COP 12	Total	Total	COP-MOP 1 only	COP12 + COP-MOP1
BANGLADESH				2	1		1
BARBADOS							
BELARUS ^A	1		1	4	2		2
BELIZE							
BENIN ^A	1		1	4	1		1
BHUTAN ^A	2		2	12	1		1
BOLIVIA	3	2	1	8	7		7
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA				3			
BOTSWANA ^A	1	1		2	2		2
BRAZIL	12	5	7	38	35		35
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM*				3			
BULGARIA	1	1		3			
BURKINA FASO ^A	1		1	7	6	1	5
BURUNDI ^A	4		4	7	1		1
CABO VERDE				2			
CAMBODIA	6	4	2	7			
CAMEROON	3	2	1	5	2		2
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	1		1	1			
CHAD				3			
CHILE*				3	2		2
CHINA	14	9	5	27	7	1	6
COLOMBIA	7	6	1	5			
COMOROS	1		1	4	2		2
CONGO				4			
COOK ISLANDS							
COSTA RICA	1		1	4	2		2
COTE D'IVOIRE				2	1		1
CROATIA	1	1		3			
CUBA	2	1	1	1			
CYPRUS							
CZECH REPUBLIC				6			
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA							
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	1		1	8	1		1
DJIBOUTI	1		1	1			
DOMINICA	1		1	1			
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2	1	1	1			
ECUADOR	2	1	1	12	2	1	1
EGYPT ^A	4	1	3	4	4		4

	Number of representatives to the						
	COP-MOP 7 (CP)			COP 12	COP-MOP 1 (NP)		
	Total	COP-MOP 7 only	COP-MOP 7 + COP 12	Total	Total	COP-MOP 1 only	COP12 + COP-MOP1
EL SALVADOR	1		1	1			
EQUATORIAL GUINEA							
ERITREA							
ESTONIA	2	2		3	1		1
ETHIOPIA [^]				5	5		5
FIJI [^]	2		2	3	1		1
GABON							
GAMBIA [^]	1	1		3	1		1
GEORGIA	2		2	5	1		1
GHANA	2		2	5			
GRENADA	2	1	1	2			
GUATEMALA [^]	1	1		3	3		3
GUINEA	1		1	1			
GUINEA-BISSAU [^]	1		1	5	1		1
GUYANA [^]	1		1	2	1		1
HAITI*				1			
HONDURAS [^]	5	5		3	3		3
HUNGARY [^]	2	2		4	3		3
INDIA [^]	5	4	1	3	2		2
INDONESIA [^]	3	3		38	13	1	12
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	5	5		1			
IRAQ	2	2		8			
JAMAICA				1			
JORDAN [^]	1		1	4	1		1
KAZAKHSTAN							
KENYA [^]	6	6		19	17		17
KIRIBATI	1	1		3			
KUWAIT*	3		3	7			
KYRGYZSTAN				1			
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC [^]				2	2		2
LATVIA	2	2		4	4		4
LEBANON							
LESOTHO				1			
LIBERIA	1		1	2			
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA							
LITHUANIA				4	4		4
MADAGASCAR [^]	1		1	6	1		1
MALAWI	1		1	7	4		4
MALAYSIA	6	5	1	26	24		24

	Number of representatives to the						
	COP-MOP 7 (CP)			COP 12	COP-MOP 1 (NP)		
	Total	COP-MOP 7 only	COP-MOP 7 + COP 12	Total	Total	COP-MOP 1 only	COP12 + COP-MOP1
MALDIVES	1		1	3			
MALI	3		3	6	4		4
MARSHALL ISLANDS				2			
MAURITANIA	4	1	3	6			
MAURITIUS [^]				1	1		1
MEXICO [^]	17	14	3	32	25	1	24
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF) [^]				4	3		3
MONGOLIA [^]	1		1	15	9		9
MONTENEGRO							
MOROCCO				13	9		9
MOZAMBIQUE [^]	3		3	12	1		1
MYANMAR [^]	1		1	3	1		1
NAMIBIA [^]	4	3	1	16	6		6
NAURU							
NEPAL [*]				8	1		1
NICARAGUA							
NIGER [^]	3		3	10	3		3
NIGERIA	2	2		13	1		1
NIUE							
OMAN	2	1	1	6	4		4
PAKISTAN							
PALAU	1		1	2	2		2
PANAMA [^]	1		1	2	2		2
PAPUA NEW GUINEA							
PARAGUAY	6	6					
PERU [^]	2	1	1	8	3	2	1
PHILIPPINES	9	8	1	14	5		5
POLAND	2	2		4	4		4
QATAR	2		2	2			
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	1	1					
ROMANIA				5			
RUSSIAN FEDERATION [*]	1		1	6			
RWANDA [^]							
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	1		1	1			
SAINT LUCIA	1		1	1			
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES				1			
SAMOA [^]				1	1	1	
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE							
SAUDI ARABIA	10	9	1	20			

	Number of representatives to the						
	COP-MOP 7 (CP)			COP 12	COP-MOP 1 (NP)		
	Total	COP-MOP 7 only	COP-MOP 7 + COP 12	Total	Total	COP-MOP 1 only	COP12 + COP-MOP1
SENEGAL	3	1	2	7	5		5
SERBIA				1			
SEYCHELLES ^A	1		1	2	1		1
SIERRA LEONE*				2			
SINGAPORE*				4	4		4
SLOVAKIA	3	3		5			
SLOVENIA	1	1		1	1		1
SOLOMON ISLANDS	1		1	1			
SOMALIA							
SOUTH AFRICA ^A	14	1	13	47	16		16
SRI LANKA	1		1	2			
SUDAN ^A	1		1	5	3		3
SURINAME	1	1					
SWAZILAND							
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ^A	1		1	1	1		1
TAJIKISTAN ^A	3	1	2	2	2		2
THAILAND	9	8	1	56	41		41
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA				1			
TIMOR-LESTE*				10			
TOGO	1		1	3			
TONGA	1		1	1			
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO							
TUNISIA	1	1		1	1	1	
TURKEY	4	3	1	11			
TURKMENISTAN							
TUVALU*				3			
UGANDA ^A	9		9	15	1		1
UKRAINE							
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1	1		3	3		3
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	10		10	20	8		8
URUGUAY ^A	2		2	6	6		6
UZBEKISTAN*				4			
VANUATU ^A				3	1		1
VENEZUELA	1		1	2	1		1
VIET NAM ^A	4	3	1	8	2	1	1
YEMEN	1		1	2			
ZAMBIA	6	5	1	11	1		1
ZIMBABWE	1	1		2			
	296	154	142	873	367	13	354

II. DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS OF THE CONVENTION AND THE PROTOCOLS

Table 1: Distribution of national focal points (NFPs) of the Cartagena Protocol (CP) and the Nagoya Protocol (NP) across national competent authorities in relation to the NFPs of the Convention

Party	CBD	CP			NP		
		The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority	The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority
Afghanistan	National Environmental Protection Agency		√		√		
Albania	Ministry of Environment	√				√	
Algeria	3 FPs from: 1 - Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Environnement et de la Ville; 2- Ambassade d'Algérie à Ottawa; 3- Ministère des Affaires Étrangères	√ (1 FP - same as Ministère des Affaires Étrangères)					√ (1 FP from Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural)
Andorra	2 FPs from Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Angola	Ministry of Environment		√			√	
Antigua and Barbuda	Environment Division, Government of Antigua and Barbuda	√			√		
Argentina	Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto	√			√		
Armenia	Ministry of Nature Protection	√			√		
Australia	Department of the Environment			√ (Department of Health)		√ (same as CBD Secondary FP)	
Austria	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water			√ (Department of Landuse and Biosafety)	√		
Azerbaijan	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources		√		√		
Bahamas	Ministry of the Environment and Housing	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Bahrain	Supreme Council for Environment		√			√	
Bangladesh	Ministry of Environment and Forests	√				√	
Barbados	Ministry of the Environment and Drainage	√			√		
Belarus	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	√			√		
Belgium	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences			√ (Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Security and Environment)			√ (Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Security and Environment)
Belize	Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development			√ (Belize Agricultural Health Authority)	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Benin	Ministère de l'Environnement, de			√ (Direction des Eaux et Forêts)		√	

Party	CBD	CP			NP		
		The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority	The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority
	l'Habitat et de l'Urbanisme						
Bhutan	National Environment Commission	√			√		
Bolivia	2 FPs: 1- Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Agua; 2- Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores	√ (Same FP only from Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores)			√ (same 2 FPs)		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism			√ (Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina)			√ (University of Sarajevo)
Botswana	Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism	√			√		
Brazil	2 FPs: 1- Ministry of External Relations; 2- Permanent Delegation of Brazil to International Organizations located in Montreal	√ (1 FP - same as from Ministry of External Relations)			√ (1 FP - same as from Ministry of External Relations)		
Brunei Darussalam	Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources			√ (Ministry of Development)	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Bulgaria	2 FPs: 1- Ministry of Environment and Water; 2- Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria (Ottawa)		√ (1 FP from Ministry of Environment and Water)			√ (1 FP from Ministry of Environment and Water)	
Burkina Faso	Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable			√ (Ministère de la Recherche Scientifique et de l'Innovation)		√	
Burundi	Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement (OBPE)		√			√	
Cambodia	Ministry of Environment		√			√	
Cameroon	Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development		√			√	
Canada	Environment Canada		√			√	
Cape Verde	Ministério do Ambiente e Agricultura			√ (National Directorate of Environmental - DGA)	√		
Central African Republic	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable		√			√	
Chad	Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Environnement		√			√	
Chile	4 FPs: 3 from MFA (including Consulate General in Montreal); 1 from Ministerio del Medio Ambiente		√ (1 FP from Ministerio del Medio Ambiente)			√ (1 FP from Ministerio del Medio Ambiente)	
China	Ministry of Environmental Protection	√				√	
Colombia	Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores	√					√ (Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible)
Comoros	Ministère de la Production,	√				√	

Party	CBD	CP			NP		
		The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority	The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority
	de l'Environnement, de l'Energie, de l'Industrie et de l'Artisanat						
Congo	Ministère du développement durable, de l'économie forestière et de l'environnement		√			√	
Cook Islands	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP			√ National Environment Service
Costa Rica	2 FPs from: 1) MFA 2) Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía			√ (1 FP from Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería)		√ (1 FP from Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía)	
Côte d'Ivoire	Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Salubrité Urbaine et du Développement Durable	√				√	
Croatia	Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection		√			√	
Cuba	Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente	√			√		
Cyprus	2 FPs from Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment	√ (1 FP)			√ (1 FP)		
Czech Republic	Ministry of the Environment		√			√	
DR Korea	National Coordinating Committee for Environment (NCCE)	√			√		
DR Congo	Ministère de l'Environnement, Conservation de la Nature et Tourisme	√			√		
Denmark	3 FPs: 1- from MFA; 2 - from Ministry of Environment		√ (1FP from Ministry of Environment)		√ (1 FP from Ministry of Environment)		
Djibouti	2 FPs from Ministère de l'Habitat, de l'Urbanisme et de l'Environnement	√ (only 1 FP)				√	
Dominica	Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries	√			√		
Dominican Republic	3 FPs: 2 from Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales; 1 from MFA		√ (No Name - Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales)			√ (one FP in Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales)	
Ecuador	3FPs: 1 from Ministerio del Ambiente; 2 – from MFA		√ (Ministerio del Ambiente) No FPs in MFA		√ (the one in Ministerio del Ambiente)		
Egypt	Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, Nature Conservation			√ (Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency)			√ (Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency)
El Salvador	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales		√		No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Equatorial Guinea	Ministerio de Pesca y Medio Ambiente	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP		√	

Party	CBD	CP			NP		
		The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority	The same as CBD NFP	Different NFP from the same competent authority	Different NFP - from different competent authority
Eritrea	Ministry of Land, Water and Environment	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Estonia	Ministry of Environment		√			√	
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute			√ (Ministry of Environment and Forest)		√	
EU	DG-Environment, European Commission			√ (DG Health and Consumers, EC)		√	
Fiji	Ministry of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and the Environment		√		√		
Finland	Ministry of the Environment		√				√ (Finnish Environment Institute, Natural Environment Centre)
France	2 FPs: 1 from Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie; 1 from MFA		√ (1 FP from Ministère de l'écologie...)		√ (1 FP same as from MFA) Total: 2 FPs (from 2 columns)	√ (1 FP from Ministère de l'écologie...)	
Gabon	Ministère de la Forêt, de l'Environnement et de la Protection des Ressources Naturelles			√ (IRET - Ecole Nationale des Eaux et Forêts)	√		
Gambia	Department of Parks & Wildlife Management c/o Ministry of Environment, Parks and Wildlife	√				√	
Georgia	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection		√			√	
Germany	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)			√ (Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture)		√	
Ghana	National Biosafety Authority	√			√		
Greece	Ministry of Reconstruction of Production, Environment and Energy		√		No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Grenada	Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment		√			√	
Guatemala	Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas (CONAP)		√			√	
Guinea	Ministère de l'Environnement, des Eaux et Forêts (MEEF)		√			√	
Guinea-Bissau	Instituto da Biodiversidade e das Áreas Protegidas (IBAP)			√ (Secretariat State of Environment)			√ (Secretariat State of Environment)
Guyana	Environmental Protection Agency	√				√	

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Haiti	Ministère de l'Environnement	√			√		
Holy See	Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to UNEP and UNCHS	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Honduras	2 FPs from Secretaría de Energía, Recursos Naturales, Ambiente y Minas			√ (1 from Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería)		√ (1 FP from Secretaría de Energía, Recursos Naturales, Ambiente y Minas)	
Hungary	Ministry of Agriculture	√			√		
Iceland	Ministry for the Environment	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
India	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change	√			√		
Indonesia	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	√			√		
Iran	Ministry of Foreign Affairs			√ Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute of Iran	√		
Iraq	Ministry of Environment	√			√		
Ireland	2 FPs from Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht			√ (Department of Environment, Community and Local Government)	√ (only one)		
Israel	2FPs: 1 from Ministry of Environmental Protection; 1 from Israel Nature and Parks Authority			√ (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)	√ (1 - same as from Israel Nature and Parks Authority)		
Italy	Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea	√				√	
Jamaica	Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change	√					√ (National Environment and Planning Agency)
Japan	2 FPs from Ministry of Foreign Affairs		√ (only 1 FP)			√ (only 1 FP)	
Jordan	2 FPs from Ministry of Environment	√ (only one)			√ (only one)		
Kazakhstan	2FPs from Ministry of Environment and Water Resources			√ (one FP from Ministry of Agriculture)	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Kenya	Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources			√ (National Biosafety Authority Commission for Higher Education)	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Kiribati	Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development	√			√		
Kuwait	Environment Public Authority	√				√	
Kyrgyzstan	2FPs: 1 from State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry; 1 from MFA	√ (1 FP - same as State				√ (1FP from State Agency on Environment	

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		Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry)				Protection and Forestry)	
Lao	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE)			√ (Ministry of Science and Technology)			√ (Ministry of Science and Technology)
Latvia	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development			√ (Ministry of Agriculture)		√	
Lebanon	Ministry of Environment	√			√		
Lesotho	Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture	√				√	
Liberia	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)		√			√ (total: 2 FPs)	
Libya	Environment General Authority (EGA)		√			√	
Liechtenstein	2 FPs from Office of Environment	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Lithuania	Ministry of Environment		√			√	
Luxembourg	2 FPs: 1 from Ministère du Développement durable et des infrastructures; 1 from MFA	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	√ (1 FP - same as Ministère du Développement durable et des infrastructures)		
Madagascar	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie, de la Mer et des Forêts		√				√ (Service d'Appui à la Gestion de l'Environnement (SAGE))
Malawi	Environmental Affairs Department		√			√	
Malaysia	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	√			√		
Maldives	Ministry of Environment and Energy	√			√		
Mali	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement		√			√	
Malta	Minister of Env-t, Office of the Prime Minister	√					√ (Malta Environment & Planning Authority)
Marshall Islands	3 FPs: 2 from MFA; 1 from Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (OEPPC)		√ (1 FP in MFA)		No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Mauritania	Ministère Délégué auprès du Premier Ministre chargé de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable	√			√		
Mauritius	National Parks and Conservation Service			√ (Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security)	√	√	
Mexico	2FPs: 1 from Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT); 1 from			√ (1FP from Comisión Intersecretarial de Bioseguridad		√ (1 FP from Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos	

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	MFA			de los Organismos Genéticamente Modificados (CIBIOGEM))		Naturales-SEMARNAT)	
Micronesia	Department of Resources and Development	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP		√	
Monaco	Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Mongolia	Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism		√			√	
Montenegro	Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism			√ (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)	√		
Morocco	Ministre de l'Energie, des Mines, de l'Eau et de l'Environnement - Chargé de l'Environnement	√			√		
Mozambique	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development			√ (Ministry of Agriculture)		√	
Myanmar	2 FPs: 1 from ASEAN National Secretariat, MFA; 1 from Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry	√ (1 FP - same as Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry)					√ (National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA), Ministry of Forestry)
Namibia	Ministry of Environment and Tourism			√ (University of Namibia)		√	
Nauru	Department of Commerce, Industry & Environment	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Nepal	Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation	√			√		
Netherlands	Ministry of Economic Affairs			√ (Ministry for Infrastructure and the Environment)			√ (Centre for Genetic Resources)
New Zealand	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	√			√		
Nicaragua	Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales (MARENA)	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Niger	Conseil National de l'Environnement pour un Développement Durable (CNEDD)			√ (Ministère de l'Hydraulique et de l'Environnement)		√	
Nigeria	Federal Ministry of Environment		√			√	
Niue	Department of Environment	√			√		
Norway	Ministry of Climate and Environment		√			√	
Oman	Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs	√			√ (2 FPs - same as CBD Primary and CBD Secondary)		
Pakistan	Ministry of Climate		√			√	

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Palau	Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism		√		√		
Panama	2 FPs: 1 from MFA; 1 from Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente (ANAM)		√ (1 FP from ANAM)			√ (1 FP from ANAM)	
Papua New Guinea	Department of Environment and Conservation	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Paraguay	Secretaría del Ambiente (SEAM)			√ (Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores)	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Peru	2 FPs: 1 from MFA; 1 from Ministerio del Ambiente		√ (1 FP in Ministerio del Ambiente)			√ (1 FP in Ministerio del Ambiente)	
Philippines	2 FPs: 1 from Department of Foreign Affairs; 1 from Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Ottawa	√ (1 FP - same as Department of Foreign Affairs)					√ (Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR))
Poland	Ministry of the Environment		√		√		
Portugal	Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas			√ (Portuguese Environment Agency)		√	
Republic of Korea	3 FPs: 2 from MFA including Consulate General in Montreal; 1 from Ministry of Environment	√ (1 FP - same as MFA)			√ (2 FPs - same as MFA and MoE) Total: 3 FPs		√ (1 FP from Korea Forest Service (KFS))
Republic of Moldova	Ministry of Environment		√		√		
Romania	Ministry of Environment and Forests		√			√	
Russian Federation	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment			√ (Ministry of Industry, Science and Technologies)	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Rwanda	Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)		√			√	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Ministry of Sustainable Development	√			√		
Saint Lucia	Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology	√				√	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP		√	
Samoa	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	√					√ (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment)
San Marino	Environmental and Agricultural Resources Management Office	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Sao Tome	Ministério de Agricultura e			√ (Centre de			√ (Ministère

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and Principe	Desenvolvimento Rural			Recherche Agronomique et Technologique)			des Travaux Publiques et Ressources Naturelles
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Wildlife Authority			√ (King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology)			√ (King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology)
Senegal	Ministère de l'environnement et du développement durable		√			√	
Serbia	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection		√			√	
Seychelles	2 FPs: MFA and Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change	√ (1 FP - same as Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change)					√ (1FP from Seychelles National Botanical Gardens)
Sierra Leone	Ministry of Lands, Country Planning & the Environment		√		No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Singapore	2 FPs from National Parks Board			√ (Ministry of National Development)	√ (1FP from National Parks Board) Total: 2 FPs	√ (1 FP from National Parks Board)	
Slovakia	Ministry of Environment		√			√	
Slovenia	Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning		√		√		
Solomon Islands	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Somalia	Ministry of the Environment	√			√		
South Africa	2 FPs from Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	√ (1 FP)				√ (1 FP)	
South Sudan	Ministry of Environment	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Spain	Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente		√		√		
Sri Lanka	3 FPs from Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	√ (1 FP)			√ (1 FP)		
State of Palestine	Environment Quality Authority (EQA)	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Sudan	Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR)	√				√	
Suriname	National Security/Coordination for Environmental Policy unit in the Cabinet of the President of the Republic Suriname	√			√		
Swaziland	Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA)		√			√	

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Sweden	Ministry of the Environment		√			√	
Switzerland	Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)		√			√	
Syrian Arab Republic	Ministry of State for Environment Affairs	√			√		
Tajikistan	Ministry of Biodiversity and Biosafety Center	√			√		
Thailand	Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning		√			√ (2 FPs)	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning		√		√		
Timore-Leste	Secretariat of State for the Environment	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP			√ (National University of East Timor)
Togo	Ministère de l'Environnement et des Ressources Forestières	√				√	
Tonga	2 FPs: 1 from Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC); 1 from MFA	√ (1 FP – same as Ministry of environment)			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Trinidad and Tobago	Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources	√			No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Tunisia	2 FPs from Ministère de l'Équipement et de l'Environnement		√			√	
Turkey	2 FPs from Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs			√ (1 FP from Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock)			√ (1 FP from Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock)
Turkmenistan	Ministry of Nature Protection		√		No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP
Tuvalu	2 FPs from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Tourism, Environment and Labour	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP		√	
Uganda	National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)			√ (National Forestry Resources Research Institute)	√		
Ukraine	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	√			√		
UAE	Ministry of Environment and Water		√			√	
UK	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)		√			√	
United Republic of Tanzania	Division of Environment, Vice President's Office		√			√	
USA	United States Department		√			√	

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	of State						
Uruguay	Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores	√				√	
Uzbekistan	State Committee for Nature Protection	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP		√	
Vanuatu	Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources	No CPB FP	No CPB FP	No CPB FP		√	
Venezuela	2 FPs: 1 from MFA; 1 from Ministerio Del Poder Popular para Ecosocialismo, Hábitat y Vivienda (MINEHV)		√ (1 FP from MINEHV)			√ (1 FP from MINEHV)	
Viet Nam	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	√					√ (Vietnam Environment Administration)
Yemen	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	√			√	Total: 2 FPs	
Zambia	Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection			√ (Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training)		√	
Zimbabwe	Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate		√		No NP FP	No NP FP	No NP FP

Table 2: Summary of the data in Table 1 above

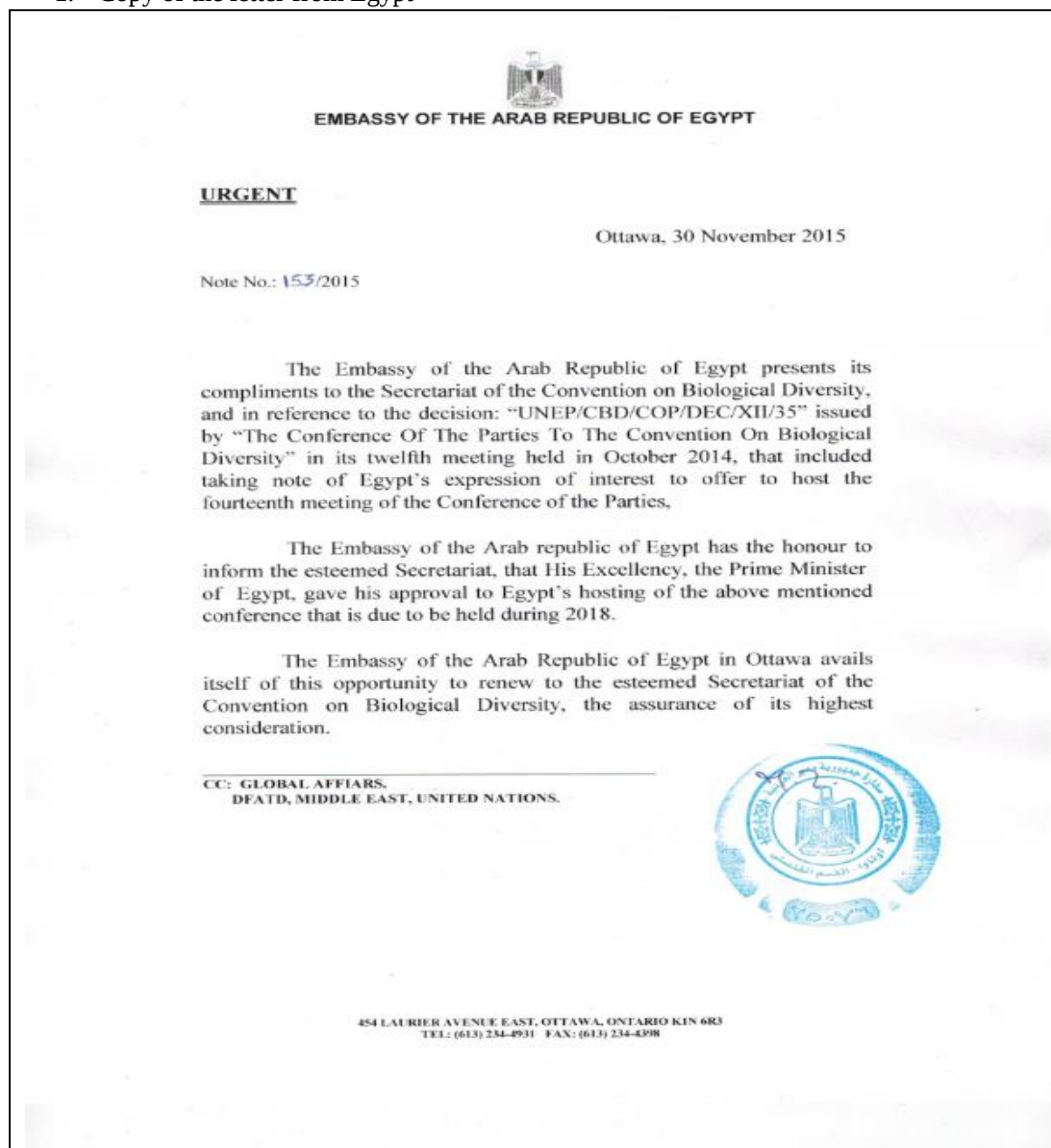
			Total
CBD NFPs			246
NP/ABS NFPs			180
CP NFPs			180
CBD = NP/ABS (same NFP for both)		61	
CBD and NP/ABS (NP/ABS different person but same institution)		87	
CBD and ABS (NP/ABS different person and different institution)		32	
			180
CBD = CP (same for both)		80	
CBD and CP (CP different person but same organization)		63	
CBD and CP (CP different person and different organization)		37	
			180
CBD = NP/ABS = CP (same NFP for all 3 instruments)		40	

III. LETTERS OF OFFER TO HOST THE FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

As indicated in paragraph 9 of UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/12/Add.2 the letters attached herewith from:

1. Egypt – letter dated 30 November 2015, offering to host COP 14;
2. Turkey – letter dated 26 February 2016, offering to host COP 14;
3. Peru – letter dated 25 February 2016, offering to host COP 15; and
4. China – letter dated 11 March 2016, offering to host COP15

1. Copy of the letter from Egypt



2. Copy of the letter from Turkey



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February 25, 2016

Dear Executive Secretary Dias,

I have the honour to forward to you a copy of the letter from H.E. Veysel Eroğlu, Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, addressed to Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, regarding the candidacy of Istanbul to host the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2018.

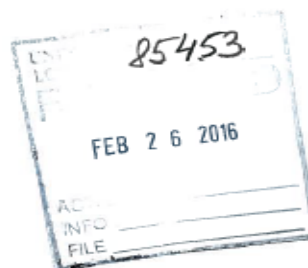
Yours sincerely,



Selçuk ÜNAL
Ambassador

Encl. As stated

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**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF FORESTRY AND WATER AFFAIRS**

H.E Achim STEINER
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Ankara, ... February 2016

Your Excellency,

Having in mind the fact that meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its protocols are the world's most prominent biodiversity events; our Government expressed its interest in hosting the next meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its protocols in İstanbul.

Located in a diversified geography, our country has always pursued the aim of conserving its own beauties with her biological diversity, richness of natural beauties with an understanding based upon love of nature arising from her deep-rooted culture and history. As a matter of fact, Turkey is situated at the junction of regions with different characteristics and resources. Turkey has three different biogeographical zones with different combination of geography, topography, climatic diversity and geology which results in high biological diversity.

Bridging cultures and civilizations, as a historical city with modern features; İstanbul has become the business, trade and finance center at the junction of three continents, offering a vibrant economic, intellectual and cultural life. In this regard, organizing meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its protocols for the first time in the beautiful city of İstanbul will be a unique experience for all participants.

I sincerely believe that many global conferences held in Turkey, including the "5th World Water Forum" in 2009, the "10th Session of United Nations Forum on Forests" in 2013 and most recently the 12th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (COP12) and the "G20 Summit" in 2015, reflects Turkey's experience and capability of hosting such high-level conferences with utmost success.

I would like to reaffirm Turkey's commitment and readiness for providing support of any kind in organizing the above-mentioned prestigious events in our country in particular and contributing to the global efforts for biological diversity in general.

I am looking forward to your valuable consideration and co-operation regarding the candidature of İstanbul.

Kind regards,

Prof. Dr. Veysel EROĞLU
Minister

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3. Copy of the letter from Peru

	PERÚ Ministerio del Ambiente	Despacho Ministerial
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"Decenio de las Personas con Discapacidad en el Perú"
"Año de la Diversificación Productiva y del Fortalecimiento de la Educación"

San Isidro,

CARTA N° _____ -2016-MINAM/DM

Señor
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Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a usted a fin de dar atención al documento de la referencia, mediante el cual se solicita a los Países Partes comunicar su interés en postular para ser sede de las reuniones de la Conferencia de las Partes de los años 2018 (COP14) y 2020 (COP15).

Sobre el particular, comunico a Ud. el interés del Perú de postular a la ciudad de Lima para ser sede de la Décima Quinta Conferencia de las Partes del CDB (COP 15), a llevarse a cabo en el 2020.

Para tales efectos, expresamos el compromiso de efectuar los arreglos institucionales, financieros, logísticos y técnicos que sean necesarios para asegurar la exitosa realización del evento en mención en nuestro país.

Es propicia la ocasión para expresarle los sentimientos de mi consideración.

Atentamente


MANUEL PULGAR-VIDAL
Ministro del Ambiente



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4. Copy of the letter from China

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

陈吉宁 部长

MINISTER CHEN Jining

布劳略·德索萨-迪亚斯先生

执行秘书

《生物多样性公约》秘书处

尊敬的迪亚斯先生：

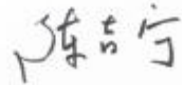
作为全球生物多样性最丰富的国家之一，中国政府高度重视生物多样性保护工作，充分认识到《生物多样性公约》及其秘书处在全球生物多样性保护进程中所发挥的重要作用。我谨向您致函代表中国政府正式申请承办 2020 年召开的《生物多样性公约》第十五次缔约方大会，《卡塔赫纳生物安全议定书》第十次缔约方会议以及《关于获取遗传资源和公正和公平分享其利用所产生惠益的名古屋议定书》第四次缔约方会议。

中国是世界上最早签署并批准《生物多样性公约》的国家之一，多年来一直积极履行公约及其议定书，采取一系列重要举措加大对生物多样性的保护并取得显著成效。中国政府将生物多样性保护作为推进生态文明建设的重要内容，成立了生物多样性保护国家委员会，发布了《生物多样性保护战略与行动计划（2011—2030 年）》作为行动纲领。

近年来，通过举办多个区域与专题研讨会，中国与公约秘书处的合作不断得到加强，充分体现了中国对公约及秘书处的重视。

我谨再次重申，中国政府希望能获得承办 2020 年公约缔约方大会及其议定书缔约方会议的机会，与国际社会一道，为实现公约目标做出更大贡献。

顺致崇高敬意。



中华人民共和国环境保护部部长

2016 年 3 月 11 日

(Courtesy translation)

Mr. Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary
The Convention on Biological Diversity

March 11, 2016

Your Excellency,

As one of the mega-diverse countries, China attaches great importance to biodiversity conservation and fully recognizes the vital role played by the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Secretariat in conserving the global biodiversity. I wish to have the pleasure to write to you, on behalf of the government of China, to formally apply for hosting the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to be held in 2020.

As one of the first countries who signed and ratified the Convention, China has been actively implementing the Convention and its protocols over the years and it has taken a host of important measures to strengthen the efforts for biodiversity conservation which has yielded significant effects. The government of China identified biodiversity conservation as an important part of the initiative of promoting ecological civilization. In this regard, the National Committee on Biodiversity Conservation has

been set up, and the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2011-2030) as the guideline for biodiversity conservation has been promulgated.

In recent years, by hosting an array of regional and thematic workshops in the context of Biodiversity Convention, the cooperation between China and your good office, the Secretariat has been greatly strengthened, which also reflects the importance attached to Convention and its Secretariat by the Chinese government.

I would like to reiterate that China wishes to be given the opportunity to host the 2020 Conferences of Parties to the Convention of Biodiversity and its protocols, with a view of making greater contribution to the realization of the targets set out in the Convention, together with the international community.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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