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NOTIFICATION

Activities resulting from decision XI/1 of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and related developments

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is (i) to provide information on planned activities for the biennium 2013-2014 in light of decision XI/1 of the Conference of the Parties on the status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and related developments (ii) to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders to provide information and views to the Secretariat in preparation for the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, and (iii) to highlight invitations by the COP for Parties, other Governments and relevant organisations to take direct action on a number of issues.

Inter-sessional activities for the biennium 2013-2014

In decision XI/1, section A, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties decided “to reconvene the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol for a third meeting to address outstanding issues in its work plan, in preparation for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol”. The Conference of the Parties also decided on the following inter-sessional activities in preparation for the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee:

- a) Conducting a broad consultation and convening an expert meeting on the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism in accordance with decision XI/1, section B (tentative date: September 2013);
- b) Convening an expert meeting on measures to assist in capacity-building and development under the Nagoya Protocol, including the development of a draft strategic framework in accordance with decision XI/1, section D, paragraph 4 (tentative date: June 2013); and
- c) The further development of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House, including a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee established for the pilot phase in accordance with decision XI/1, section C (tentative date: June 2013).

Further details on these activities will be provided in due course.

To: CBD Focal Points, ICNP Focal Points, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders



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Submission of information and views in preparation for the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee

In decision XI/1, section A, paragraph 6, the COP decided that the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee should address the following additional issues: (a) Monitoring and reporting; (b) Exchange of views on the development, updating and use of sectoral and cross-sectoral model contractual clauses, voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards; and (c) Exchange of views on the state of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

In addition, in paragraph 4 of the same decision, the COP invited Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, indigenous and local communities and all interested stakeholders to submit information to the Executive Secretary on model contractual clauses, voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards.

Against this background, Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders are kindly invited to provide views and/or relevant information to the Executive Secretary on the following issues for the consideration of the Intergovernmental Committee:

- a) Monitoring and reporting (Article 29);
- b) Development, updating and use of sectoral and cross-sectoral model contractual clauses, voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards (Article 19 and 20).

Please note that submissions should be sent **as soon as possible and no later than 1 September 2013**, under cover of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int. To facilitate preparatory work for the meeting, submissions should be provided in **Word format**.

In addition, Parties are also invited to provide to the Executive Secretary information on national or regional developments of relevance to the ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, as it becomes available.

Invitations for direct actions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organisations

In addition to the submission of views and information, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organisations to take direct action on a number of issues. A number of invitations for action were also made to Parties, other Governments and relevant organisations by the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee. Please find attached herewith a list of these invitations for your consideration.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

Annex

Decision/Recommendation	Invitations for direct action
Further work in preparation for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol	
COP Decision XI/1, section A	3. <i>Calls upon</i> Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that have not yet done so to initiate and expedite their internal processes leading to ratifications, approval or acceptance of or accession to the Nagoya Protocol.
Measures to assist in capacity-building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing countries and Parties with economies in transition	
COP Decision XI/1, Section D	2. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, international organizations, the Global Environment Facility, regional development banks and other financial institutions to provide financial resources to support capacity-building and development initiatives to support the ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Protocol.
COP Decision XI/1, Section D	3. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to undertake and provide support for capacity-building and development initiatives to support the ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Protocol, taking into account the domestic needs and priorities of Parties and indigenous and local communities contained in annex II to this decision.
Measures to raise awareness of the importance on the genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, and related access and benefit-sharing issues	
COP Decision XI/1, Section E	2. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, international organizations, the Global Environment Facility, regional development banks and other financial institutions to provide financial resources to support awareness-raising initiatives in support of the ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.
COP Decision XI/1, Section E	3. <i>Also invites</i> Parties, other Governments, international organizations and other relevant actors to carry out awareness-raising activities to support the ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Protocol, taking into account the draft awareness-raising strategy set out in recommendation 2/6 of the Intergovernmental Committee.
Guidance for resource mobilization for the implementation of the Nagoya	
ICNP 2 Recommendation 2/2	<p>1. Encourages Parties to include consideration of resource mobilization for the Protocol in the implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention for the period 2008-2015.</p> <p>2. Encourages Parties to pay particular attention to integrating considerations of resource mobilization for the implementation of the Protocol into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.</p>