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NOTIFICATION

Nominations for the expert meeting to develop a draft strategic framework for capacity-building and development in support of the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

3 – 5 June 2013, Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, upon recommendation by the second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization*, requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funds, to organize an expert meeting to develop a draft strategic framework for capacity-building and development in support of the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

I am pleased to announce that, following the generous financial contribution by the Government of the United Kingdom, the above expert meeting will be held from 3 to 5 June 2013 at the Secretariat in Montreal.

Parties, other Governments, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, as well as indigenous and local community organizations, are hereby invited to nominate one expert, to be considered for selection to take part in the expert meeting. Based on the nominations received, the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee, will select a maximum of up to three experts per region and five observers for the meeting, taking into account their expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and with due regard to gender balance, in accordance with the terms of reference set out in Decision XI/1, Section D, paragraph 4.

To ensure the finalization of arrangements for the meeting in a timely manner, nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible but **no later than 18 February 2013** by means of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and sent by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by e-mail to: secretariat@cbd.int.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD Focal Points, ICNP Focal Points, International organizations, indigenous and local community organizations and relevant stakeholders



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