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NOTIFICATION

Global Multilateral Benefit-Sharing Mechanism (Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol): Inter-sessional activities emanating from COP decision XI/1, section B

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted decision XI/1 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'. Section B of the decision addresses the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism.

I wish to draw your attention to the elements of Section B of the decision that request action from Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and representatives of indigenous and local communities prior to the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol.

Paragraph 1 of section B of the decision requests the Executive Secretary to conduct a broad consultation on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol. This broad consultation will be conducted through online discussion groups, which will be structured around the questions in Annex I to the decision.

The online discussions will be convened through the ABS Clearing-House and will be conducted in English. The discussion groups are tentatively scheduled to begin on 8 April 2013 and will last for seven weeks. A portal on Article 10 has been created in the Clearing-House to facilitate the work on this topic and to provide information in a timely manner. The portal may be accessed at the following address: <http://absch.cbd.int/Art10.shtml>.

Paragraph 4 of section B of the decision requests the Executive Secretary to convene an expert group meeting on Article 10. Thanks to the generous financial contribution of the European Union, the expert meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11-13 September 2013. Please note that participants in the expert meeting will be selected from among those who participate in the online discussion groups, taking into account regional and gender balance as well as

To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, Relevant organizations and representatives of indigenous and local communities.



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expertise. The annex to this notification contains a tentative timeline for the implementation of activities regarding Article 10.

I therefore invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and representatives of indigenous and local communities to nominate representatives to participate in the online discussion groups by sending an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, preferably by e-mail at secretariat@cbd.int. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than **25 March 2013**.

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

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Annex

Timeline for implementation of activities on the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism

Date	Activity	Remarks
11 March 2013	Deadline for Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities to nominate representatives to participate in the online discussion groups on the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism.	Nominations should be made by sending an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, preferably by e-mail: secretariat@cbd.int .
8 April to 24 May 2013 (tentative)	Online discussion groups on the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism	<p>The online discussion groups will be convened through the portal on Article 10 in the ABS Clearing-House: http://absch.cbd.int/Art10.shtml.</p> <p>Further details on the discussion groups will be made available via the above portal, including the final dates over which the discussion groups will be held.</p>
11-13 September 2013 (tentative)	Expert meeting on the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (dec. XI/1, s. B., para. 4)	<p>A synthesis of the views provided in the broad consultation will be prepared by the Executive Secretary for the consideration of the expert meeting.</p> <p>Participants in the expert meeting will be selected by the Secretariat from among the participants in the online discussion groups, taking into account regional and gender balance as well as expertise.</p>