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NOTIFICATION

Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee to the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House

Madam/Sir,

In its Decision XI/1 (Section C, paragraph 1), the Conference of the Parties (COP) established an informal advisory committee (IAC) to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the ABS Clearing-House pilot phase and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical issues arising from the ongoing development of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House until the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Pursuant to the above decision, and thanks to the generous financial support of the European Commission, by Notification 2013-029 of 3 May 2013, Parties were invited to nominate one expert for the Informal Advisory Committee and a reminder was sent out on 31 May 2013. In response, the Secretariat received a total of 43 nominations from Parties and 1 nomination from a non-Party. Based on the nominations received, participants were selected taking into account the nominees' expertise, equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in accordance with decision XI/1, Section C, paragraph 1.

I am therefore pleased to convey herewith, for your information, the list of the selected experts. A letter of invitation to the first meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee, to be held in Montreal, Canada from 2 to 4 October 2013, will be sent to the selected experts together with relevant information concerning the meeting. Documents for the meeting will be posted in due course on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABS-IAC-CH-01>.

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

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**INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND
BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE**

2-4 OCTOBER 2013, MONTREAL, CANADA

LIST OF SELECTED EXPERTS

| AFRICA | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Madagascar | Ms. Raharimalala Voahangy |
| 2. Morocco | Mr. Mostafa Madbouhi |
| 3. South Africa | Ms. Tshililo Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni |
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| ASIA | |
| 4. India | Ms. Sujata Arora |
| 5. Iran | Dr. Javad Mozafari Hashjin |
| 6. China | Ms. Ying Liu |
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| CEE | |
| 7. Azerbaijan | Mr. Rashad Z. Allahverdiev |
| 8. Belarus | Dr. Elena Makeyeva |
| 9. Croatia | Ms. Dubravka Stepic |
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| GRULAC | |
| 10. Brazil | Ms. Eliana Maria Gouveia Fontes |
| 11. Guatemala | Mr. Helmer Dagoberto Ayala Vargas |
| 12. Mexico | Ms. Elleli Huerta Ocampo |
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| WEOG | |
| 13. European Commission | Mr. Hugo Schally, |
| 14. Switzerland | Dr. Marco D'Alessandro |
| 15. UK | Mr. Christopher Lyal |