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NOTIFICATION

Composition of the Expert Group on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing (Global Multilateral Benefit-Sharing Mechanism)

Montreal, Canada, 17-19 September 2013

Madam/Sir,

In its decision XI/1 (Section B, paragraph 4), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funds, to convene an expert group meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol. Thanks to the generous financial contribution of the European Union, the expert group meeting will be held from 17 to 19 September 2013 in Montreal, Canada.

Pursuant to Section B, paragraph 1 of the above decision, the Executive Secretary conducted broad consultations on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol through online discussion groups convened through the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House from 8 April to 24 May 2013. By Notification 2013-014 of 7 February 2013, Parties, other Governments, indigenous and local communities and relevant organizations were invited to nominate representatives to participate in the online discussion groups. The Secretariat received a total of 142 nominations. It was indicated in the notification that participants in the expert meeting would be selected from among those who were nominated to the online discussion groups, taking into account expertise, equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

I am therefore pleased to convey herewith, for your information, the list of the selected experts and observers, which has been cleared by the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol. A letter of invitation to the Expert Group Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing will be sent to the selected experts and observers 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=ABSEM-A10-01>.

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

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Executive Secretary

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**Expert Group on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing
(Global Multilateral Benefit-Sharing Mechanism)**

17-19 September 2013, MONTREAL, CANADA

LIST OF SELECTED EXPERTS

Africa

Cameroon	Mrs. Prudence Tangham Galega
Egypt	Mr. Ossama Abdelkawy
Namibia	Mr. Pierre du Plessis
Senegal	Mr. Samuel Dieme
South Africa	Mr. Jones Muleso Kharika

Asia-Pacific

China	Mr. Jing Xu
Japan	Mr. Atsushi Suginaka
Malaysia	Prof. Gurdial Singh Nijar
Republic of Korea	Dr. Byung-Hee Lee
Samoa	Mr. Nialuga Evaimalo

Central and Eastern Europe

Albania	Ms. Elvana Ramaj
Armenia	Ms. Siranush Muradyan
Belarus	Prof. Elena Makeyeva
Poland	Ms. Elzbieta Martyniuk

GRULAC

Antigua & Barbuda	Ms. Melesha Banhan
Brazil	Mr. Philippe Ibanez de Novion
Chile	Ms. Teresa Agüero
Costa Rica	Ms. Melania Muñoz García
Mexico	Mr. Sergio Ricardo Hernández Ordoñez

WEOG

Australia	Mr. Ben Phillips
Canada	Ms. Nashina Shariff
European Union	Mr. Hugo Schally
New Zealand	Mr. Andrew Williams
Switzerland	Mr. Marco D'Alessandro

Observers

United States of America	Mr. Joe Ripley
Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	Mr. Kent Nnadozie
Tulalip Natural Resources	Mr. Preston Hardison
Consejo Regional Otomi del Alto Lerma	Mr. Mindahi Crescencio Bastida Muñoz
University of Basel and Swiss Academy of Sciences	Dr. Susette Biber-Klemm
Eli Lilly and Company	Ms. Manisha Desai
Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (SPDA)	Mr. Manuel Ruiz
Fridtjof Nansen Institute	Mr. Morten Walløe Tvedt