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NOTIFICATION

First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (COP-MOP 1) 13 to 17 October 2014 – Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP 1) to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization will be held concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12) in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 13 to 17 October 2014.

The provisional agenda of the meeting, as approved by the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, is attached. The annotated agenda and other pre-session documentation will be made available as soon as practicable and, in any case, no later than six weeks prior to the meeting. The pre-session documents and information for participants will be accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=NP-MOP-01>.

Please be advised that access and benefit-sharing will also be considered as part of the agenda of COP 12. It is foreseen that, under agenda item 10 “Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization”, the COP will be invited to consider referring remaining work outlined in the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, in particular on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Article 30), to a contact group in order to advance work on these issues prior to COP-MOP 1.

In addition, thanks to the generous contribution of the European Union, a capacity-building workshop on the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House will be held on 12 October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The programme containing the objectives and methodology of the workshop will be made available in due course.

I would invite you to keep these considerations in mind when planning your travel to Pyeongchang.

I would be grateful if your Government could submit to the Secretariat the names of the representatives of your delegation to COP-MOP 1, including the names of the alternate representative(s) and advisor(s), as soon as possible but no later than **15 September 2014**.

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In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol are required to submit their credentials to the Secretariat to confirm that delegates have been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent their country at the meeting. The credentials must be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, except in the case of a regional economic integration organization, in which case it should be signed by the competent authority of that organization. Representatives of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that are also Parties to the Nagoya Protocol may submit a single set of credentials for both COP 12 and COP-MOP 1. Further information on credentials, including a sample format of appropriate credentials, will be made available in a separate notification to be issued in due course.

Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Processes and in keeping with the Procedure for the allocation of funding from this Trust Fund, the Secretariat expects to be in a position to finance the participation of one representative from eligible countries to attend COP-MOP 1. Eligible Parties wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the name and contact information of the designated representative to receive financial support as soon as possible but no later than **20 August 2014**. Please note that the Secretariat will be unable to respond positively to requests for financial support after this deadline.

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

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure



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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA
PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES
AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF
BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION

First meeting

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 13-17 October 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
4. Organizational matters:
 - 4.1. Election of officers;
 - 4.2. Organization of work.
5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
6. Report 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.
7. Exchange of information and views on the status of the ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.
8. The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14).
9. Monitoring and reporting (Article 29).
10. Cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Article 30).

11. Model contractual clauses, voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards (Article 19 and 20).
 12. Guidance to the financial mechanism (Article 25).
 13. Guidance on resource mobilization for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.
 14. Cooperation with other international organizations, conventions and initiatives.
 15. Programme budget for the biennium following the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.
 16. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols.
 17. Measures to assist in capacity-building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition (Article 22).
 18. Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (Article 21).
 19. The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10).
 20. Date and venue of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
 21. Other matters.
 22. Adoption of the report.
 23. Closure of the meeting.
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