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NOTIFICATION

Nominations to an Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite nominations for an expert meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing. The meeting is being convened thanks to the generous support from the Government of Norway and is tentatively scheduled to be held from 1 to 3 February 2016 in Montreal, Canada.

This expert meeting is convened in response to decision NP-1/10 on ‘The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10)’, in which the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol requests the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the availability of funds, a meeting of a regionally balanced expert group.

Through notification 2015-49, issued on 5 May 2015, Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders were invited to submit views on:

- (a) Situations which may support the need for a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism that are not covered under the bilateral approach;
- (b) Possible modalities for a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism as well as information regarding the implications of different scenarios on these modalities; and
- (c) The areas requiring further consideration, as identified in paragraph 23 of the report of the Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol (see document UNEP/CBD/ICNP/3/5).

Such views may include, where available, reflections on any experiences gained in working towards the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind Parties and observers that the deadline for submission of views is **30 September 2015**.

The expert meeting is to review a synthesis of the views submitted and a commissioned study with a view to reaching a common understanding on the areas requiring further examination, as identified in paragraph 23 of the report of the Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol (document UNEP/CBD/ICNP/3/5) and submit the outcomes of its work for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its second meeting.

Accordingly, I wish to invite Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to nominate an expert to be considered for selection to the expert group. Other Governments, international organizations, indigenous

To: ABS National Focal Points (CBD Focal Points where ABS National Focal Points have not yet been designated), international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders



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and local communities and relevant stakeholders are also invited to nominate an expert who may participate as an observer in the meeting.

Nominations should be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by e-mail as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible but no later than **9 November 2015**. The curriculum vitae of the nominated experts/observers should be included with the nominations submitted to the Secretariat. Based on the nominations received, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, will select the experts and observers to take part in the meeting on the basis of their expertise and experience and the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and gender balance. The selected experts and observers will be announced in a subsequent notification.

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

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Executive Secretary