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NOTIFICATION

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

Madam/Sir,

In its decision NP-1/2, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP) established an informal advisory committee (IAC) to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House) and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical and practical issues arising from the ongoing development of the ABS Clearing-House. The decision provides that the IAC shall be composed of 15 experts, primarily from Parties, selected on the basis of nominations provided by Parties.

Through notification 2014-127 of 4 November 2014, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol were invited to nominate one expert for the IAC and a reminder was sent out on 3 December 2014. Due to the small number of nominations received from Parties from the regions of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries (GRULAC), only two members from each of these regions could be selected instead of three. The composition of the IAC was made available in notification 2015-035 dated 23 March 2015 and the first meeting of the IAC was held in Montreal, from 28 to 30 October 2015. More recently, one of the experts nominated by a country from the Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) to participate in the IAC has informed the Secretariat that he could no longer be a member of the IAC as he will be taking up new responsibilities.

A second meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the ABS Clearing-House is to be held from 20 to 22 June 2016, in Montreal, Canada. Taking into account that additional countries have become Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and with a view to ensuring that the IAC has adequate regional representation, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol from the CEE, GRULAC and WEOG regions were invited to nominate one expert each as soon as possible and no later than 18 March 2016. Only one nomination was received from the GRULAC region. Against this background, I am pleased to convey herewith, for your information, the list of selected experts.

A letter of invitation to the second meeting of the IAC 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.

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

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: ABS National Focal Points
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**INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING
CLEARING-HOUSE**

LIST OF SELECTED EXPERTS

AFRICA	
1. Madagascar	Ms. Raharimalala Voahangy
2. Benin	Mr. Mensah Bienvenu Bossou
3. South Africa	Ms. Tshililo Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni
ASIA	
4. India	Ms. Sujata Arora
5. Lao PDR	Ms. Kongchay Phimmakong
6. Indonesia	Ir. Antung Deddy Radiansyah
CEE	
7. Hungary	Ms. Zuzana Tollrianová
8. Belarus	Dr. Elena Makeyeva
GRULAC	
9. Cuba	Ms. Teresa D. Cruz Sardiñas
10. Peru	Ms. Dora Velasquez Milla
11. Mexico	Ms. Elleli Huerta Ocampo
WEOG	
12. European Commission	Ms. Alicja Maria Kozłowska
13. Denmark	Mr. Christopher Lyal