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NOTIFICATION

Survey on pathogen sharing, including for influenza, and access and benefit-sharing arrangements

Madam/Sir,

The WHO Secretariat is conducting a survey and would like to invite the national focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity or the Nagoya Protocol, or other appropriate persons identified by the national focal points, to participate in the survey.

The survey is intended to collect information on: a) current pathogen-sharing practices and arrangements; and b) implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures. The survey will also gather perspectives on potential public health outcomes and other implications, as requested by Member States in the decision they took at the 72nd World Health Assembly (decision [WHA72\(13\)](#), attached herewith). It is designed to collect both quantitative (e.g. number of countries with access and benefit-sharing legislation) and qualitative (e.g. experience of implementing ABS) data. The survey involves multiple choice and written responses to key questions.

We would like to encourage all Parties to the CBD to participate in this important survey, which is available online in English, French and Spanish at the following webpage: [https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2019/12/20/default-calendar/survey-on-wha72\(13\)-public-health-implications-of-the-nagoya-protocol](https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2019/12/20/default-calendar/survey-on-wha72(13)-public-health-implications-of-the-nagoya-protocol) until 28 February 2020.

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

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To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points
Cc: SBSTTA National Focal Points, CPB National Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities, international organizations, relevant stakeholders

The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, recalling the Convention on Biological Diversity and its objectives and principle, and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its objective; reaffirming the WHO Constitution and the International Health Regulations (2005); and having considered the report by the Director-General on the public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol,¹ decided to request the Director-General, to broaden engagement with Member States, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, relevant international organizations and relevant stakeholders:

- (1) to provide information on current pathogen-sharing practices and arrangements, the implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures, as well as the potential public health outcomes and other implications; and
- (2) to provide a report to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 148th session, as well as an interim report to the Executive Board at its 146th session.

Seventh plenary meeting, 28 May 2019
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¹ Document A72/32.