NOTIFICATION

Reminder for Parties to publish available national information on the ABS Clearing-House

Dear Madam/Sir,

I refer to notification 2019-013, dated 5 February 2019, with regard to actions to be taken by Parties pursuant to COP-MOP 3, particularly on information sharing obligations. I kindly invite Parties and other Governments to ensure that available information is published and updated, as appropriate, on the ABS Clearing-House in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Protocol, and particularly:

- ABS procedures, as indicated in decision NP 3/3;
- ABS permits or their equivalents, as indicated in decision NP 3/1, paragraph 6;
- Interim national reports for Parties that have not yet submitted them, as indicated in decision NP 3/4, paragraph 4;
- Any relevant capacity-building initiatives and capacity-building resources as appropriate, as indicated in NP 3-1 paragraph 7b.

Please note that in order to have sufficient time to prepare relevant documentation for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties 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 4), the Executive Secretary is able to take into account information that has been published on the ABS Clearing-House before 14 June 2021.

The Secretariat is available to provide support for the publication of information on the ABS Clearing-House. Detailed information on the use of the ABS Clearing-House is available at: https://absch.cbd.int/about. For additional questions or assistance, please contact the Secretariat by e-mail at absch@cbd.int.

Please note that Non-Parties are also invited to share relevant information on the ABS Clearing-House under the same conditions as Parties to the Protocol.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the work of the Nagoya Protocol.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

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To: ABS National Focal Points and CBD National Focal Points (where ABS focal points have not yet been designated)