NOTIFICATION

Extension of deadline: Nomination of experts to participate in the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification 2023-034 issued on 27 March 2023, inviting Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to nominate an expert for the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology, established by the Conference of the Parties in decision 15/31.

I would like to thank Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities who have submitted nominations and invite those who have not yet done so to submit their nominations as soon as possible. I am pleased to inform you that the deadline to submit nominations has been extended to **2 May 2023**.

Kindly note that the nominations should be submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, clearly indicating the name and full contact details of each nominee, as well as curriculum vitae, to be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible. In line with decision 14/33, nominees are also required to complete the interest disclosure form.

The selection of experts will be made, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, taking into account relevant expertise and experience as per the terms of reference of the multidisciplinary AHTEG, as well as gender balance and equitable geographical representation. A notification announcing the composition of the multidisciplinary AHTEG will be issued once the selection process is complete.

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

David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities
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