

**NOTIFICATION****Invitation to prepare for nomination and election of members of the Compliance Committees under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is to inform you that the terms of five members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as the terms of five members of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing will end on 31 December 2026.

It is, therefore, my pleasure to invite regional groups to consult within their regions and to attend the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP 12) and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 6) in Yerevan, Armenia, prepared to nominate suitable candidates for election to serve on the respective Compliance Committees for four-year terms. To facilitate consultations, a list of members whose terms are due to expire and whose seats are therefore subject to election is provided in the annex.

In addition, pursuant to section B, paragraph 3 of the compliance procedures and mechanisms for the Nagoya Protocol, each region is invited to consult within the region and to come to Yerevan prepared to nominate an alternate member for election by the COP-MOP to the Nagoya Protocol. These alternate members may be called upon to serve in the event that a member resigns or is otherwise unable to complete their term of office.

I kindly remind Parties that members serve in the Compliance Committees in their personal capacity. In accordance with the respective procedures and mechanisms on compliance, nominees should have recognized competence as follows:

(a) Members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol “shall have recognized competence in the field of biosafety or other relevant fields, including legal or technical expertise”;

(b) Members of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol “shall have recognized competence, including technical, legal or scientific expertise in the fields covered by the Protocol, such as genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources”.

Parties are also invited to consider gender balance when making nominations. Lists of the full composition of each Committee are available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/bs-compliance.pdf> (for the Cartagena Protocol) and <https://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/np-compliance.pdf> (for the Nagoya Protocol).

The names and curriculum vitae of nominees should be submitted to the Secretariat by e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), as soon as possible following the opening of the meetings in Yerevan.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, ABS national focal points and CBD national focal points (where Cartagena or ABS focal points have not yet been designated)

## Annex

### Members of the Compliance Committees under the Cartagena Protocol and under the Nagoya Protocol whose terms will end on 31 December 2026

Members may serve up to two consecutive terms. The members listed in the table are eligible for re-election unless otherwise indicated with an asterisk.

|               |                             | <b>Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</b> | <b>Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>REGION</b> | Africa                      | Mr. Mahaman Gado Zaki                  | Mr. Etim Okon William                                |
|               | Asia-Pacific                | Mr. Achmad Gusman Siswandi             | Mr. Tianbao Qin                                      |
|               | Eastern Europe              | Mr. Martin Batic*                      | Ms. Elzbieta Martyniuk*                              |
|               | Latin America and Caribbean | Ms. Georgina Catacora Vargas           | Ms. Teresa Dolores Cruz Sardiñas                     |
|               | Western Europe and others   | Mr. Michelangelo Lombardo              | Mr. Marcus Schroeder                                 |

*\*Member has served two consecutive terms and is not eligible for re-election*