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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 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

Fourth meeting – Part II
Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022
Agenda item 9

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

NP-4/4. Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information sharing (Article 14)

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

1. *Welcomes* progress made by the Secretariat in the development and administration of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
2. *Also welcomes* the efforts made by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders to make information available in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
3. *Recalls* decision NP-3/3, paragraph 3, in which Parties that have not yet done so are urged to publish all mandatory information available at the national level on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House in accordance with the obligations in Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Protocol, as soon as possible, considering that the publication of mandatory information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House is essential for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol;
4. *Also recalls* decision NP-3/3, paragraph 4, which urges Parties to provide information on their national access and benefit-sharing procedures through the voluntary common format on procedures, as available in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
5. *Further recalls* decision NP-3/3, paragraph 9, which invites Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations to make use of the interoperability mechanisms of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House to facilitate information exchange with their relevant databases, websites and information technology systems, decision NP-3/3, paragraph 10, which invites Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to include capacity-building activities related to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House in their relevant capacity-building activities, plans and projects in coordination with the Executive Secretary, and decision NP-3/3, paragraph 11, which invites Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, to support capacity-building activities related to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including the Protocol's system for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, to support capacity-building and development activities, including those related to setting up national access and benefit-sharing electronic permitting systems and other relevant information technology systems that make use of the interoperability mechanisms of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, taking into account the progress already made, to continue to develop and administer the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House following the goals and priorities for the further development and administration of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House as found in the annex to decision NP-3/3, in accordance with the modalities of operation and feedback received, particularly that of Parties and of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, and to explore ways to accommodate national circumstances.
