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NOTIFICATION

Peer Review of Fact-finding and Scoping Study on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources

Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 3(b) of decision XIII/16, the Executive Secretary was requested to commission a fact-finding and scoping study, subject to the availability of financial resources, to clarify terminology and concepts and to assess the extent and the terms and conditions of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol.

Thanks to the generous financial support provided by Canada, the European Union and Switzerland, a fact-finding and scoping study has been commissioned and is now available for peer review at: <https://www.cbd.int/abs/dsi-gr/ahteg.shtml>.

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Kindly send your suggested changes and comments to the Secretariat by e-mail at: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1 514 288 6588, using the template accessible in electronic format from the peer review webpage mentioned above. The deadline for the review comments is **1 December 2017**.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention and its Nagoya Protocol.

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

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