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Subject: Notification regarding the contribution of the Association of Communities in the Potato Park, represented by the Association for Nature and Sustainable Development (ANDES, in its Spanish acronym) to the Multilateral System  

Dear Dr. Shakeel Bhatti:  

As Associate Director of the Association for Nature and Sustainable Development (ANDES, in its Spanish acronym) it is my pleasure to tell you that the six communities that comprise the Potato Park have asked me to communicate to you their decision to participate in the Multilateral System.  

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.  

ITPGRFA Article 11.3, covering the multilateral system, specifies that natural and legal persons who hold plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex 1 are encouraged to include them in the Multilateral System.  

Herewith, the Association of Communities in the Potato Park, represented by ANDES wishes to notify you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex 1 and maintained in The Potato Park, Cusco, Peru have been included in the Multilateral System.  

Additional information regarding the composition of the collection can be found at www.parquedelapapa.org  

Germplasm held in this collection will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the Treaty.  

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this information.  

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