NOTIFICATION

Third Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing

Extension of deadline for sending inputs for the third meeting

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to refer to Notification GB6-031 on inputs requested by the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing (Working Group) for consideration at its third meeting.

Notification GB6-031 invited (1) Working Group Members to submit textual elements further specified therein; (2) stakeholders of the seed sector to provide proposals for a possible minimum incorporation threshold; and (3) all interested stakeholders to share their analyses on the ways in which a subscription model could be implemented in the context of Art. 6.11 of the SMTA and beyond, bearing in mind the need to make such a model attractive to users.

In order to facilitate the consolidation of such information by the Secretariat for the third meeting of the Working Group, the Notification expressed a preference to receiving such information by 20 February 2015.

Following several requests by Contracting Parties and stakeholders, the Secretary will seek to incorporate in the documentation for the third meeting of the Working Group all information received by 10 April 2015.

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

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