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 input for the third meeting

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to refer to 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.

The Working Group 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.

With reference to Notifications GB6-031 and GB6-035, and following the rescheduling of the third meeting of the Working Group to 2-5 June 2015, the deadline for submissions is extended to 22 May 2015.

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

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