

**8. b) Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity**

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Afghanistan.....		6 Jun 2018 a	Brazil .....	2 Feb 2011	
Albania.....		29 Jan 2013 a	Bulgaria .....	23 Jun 2011	11 Aug 2016
Algeria .....	2 Feb 2011		Burkina Faso.....	20 Sep 2011	10 Jan 2014
Angola .....		6 Feb 2017 a	Burundi .....		3 Jul 2014 a
Antigua and Barbuda.....	28 Jul 2011	12 Dec 2016	Cabo Verde .....	26 Sep 2011	
Argentina .....	15 Nov 2011	9 Dec 2016	Cambodia.....	1 Feb 2012	19 Jan 2015
Australia.....	20 Jan 2012		Cameroon.....		30 Nov 2016 a
Austria .....	23 Jun 2011	20 Jul 2018	Central African Republic .....	6 Apr 2011	27 Jul 2018
Bangladesh.....	6 Sep 2011		Chad.....	31 Jan 2012	11 Oct 2017
Belarus .....		26 Jun 2014 a	China.....		8 Jun 2016 a
Belgium .....	20 Sep 2011	9 Aug 2016	Colombia .....	2 Feb 2011	
Benin.....	28 Oct 2011	22 Jan 2014	Comoros.....		28 May 2013 a
Bhutan.....	20 Sep 2011	30 Sep 2013	Congo.....	23 Sep 2011	14 May 2015
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....		6 Oct 2016 a	Costa Rica.....	6 Jul 2011	
Botswana .....		21 Feb 2013 a	Côte d'Ivoire .....	25 Jan 2012	24 Sep 2013

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Croatia .....		2 Sep 2015 a	Lesotho .....		12 Nov 2014 a
Cuba .....		17 Sep 2015 a	Liberia .....		17 Aug 2015 a
Cyprus .....	29 Dec 2011		Lithuania .....	29 Dec 2011	
Czech Republic .....	23 Jun 2011	6 May 2016	Luxembourg .....	23 Jun 2011	25 Oct 2016
Democratic Republic of the Congo .....	21 Sep 2011	4 Feb 2015	Madagascar .....	22 Sep 2011	3 Jul 2014
Denmark <sup>1</sup> .....	23 Jun 2011	1 May 2014 AA	Malawi .....		26 Aug 2014 a
Djibouti .....	19 Oct 2011	1 Oct 2015	Malaysia .....		5 Nov 2018 a
Dominican Republic .....	20 Sep 2011	13 Nov 2014	Mali .....	19 Apr 2011	31 Aug 2016
Ecuador .....	1 Apr 2011	20 Sep 2017	Malta .....		1 Dec 2016 a
Egypt .....	25 Jan 2012	28 Oct 2013	Marshall Islands .....		10 Oct 2014 a
El Salvador .....	1 Feb 2012		Mauritania .....	18 May 2011	18 Aug 2015
Eswatini .....		21 Sep 2016 a	Mauritius .....		17 Dec 2012 a
Ethiopia .....		16 Nov 2012 a	Mexico .....	24 Feb 2011	16 May 2012
European Union .....	23 Jun 2011	16 May 2014 AA	Micronesia (Federated States of) .....	11 Jan 2012	30 Jan 2013
Fiji .....		24 Oct 2012 a	Mongolia .....	26 Jan 2012	21 May 2013
Finland .....	23 Jun 2011	3 Jun 2016 A	Morocco .....	9 Dec 2011	
France .....	20 Sep 2011	31 Aug 2016	Mozambique .....	26 Sep 2011	7 Jul 2014
Gabon .....	13 May 2011	11 Nov 2011 A	Myanmar .....		8 Jan 2014 a
Gambia .....		3 Jul 2014 a	Namibia .....		15 May 2014 a
Germany .....	23 Jun 2011	21 Apr 2016	Netherlands <sup>2</sup> .....	23 Jun 2011	19 Aug 2016 A
Ghana .....	20 May 2011		Niger .....	26 Sep 2011	2 Jul 2014
Greece .....	20 Sep 2011		Nigeria .....	1 Feb 2012	
Grenada .....	22 Sep 2011		Norway .....	11 May 2011	1 Oct 2013
Guatemala .....	11 May 2011	18 Jun 2014	Pakistan .....		23 Nov 2015 a
Guinea .....	9 Dec 2011	7 Oct 2014	Palau .....	20 Sep 2011	13 Jun 2018
Guinea-Bissau .....	1 Feb 2012	24 Sep 2013 A	Panama .....	3 May 2011	12 Dec 2012
Guyana .....		22 Apr 2014 a	Peru .....	4 May 2011	8 Jul 2014
Honduras .....	1 Feb 2012	12 Aug 2013	Philippines .....		29 Sep 2015 a
Hungary .....	23 Jun 2011	29 Apr 2014	Poland .....	20 Sep 2011	
India .....	11 May 2011	9 Oct 2012	Portugal .....	20 Sep 2011	11 Apr 2017 AA
Indonesia .....	11 May 2011	24 Sep 2013	Qatar .....		25 Jan 2017 a
Ireland .....	1 Feb 2012		Republic of Korea .....	20 Sep 2011	19 May 2017
Italy .....	23 Jun 2011		Republic of Moldova .....	25 Jan 2012	23 Aug 2016
Japan .....	11 May 2011	22 May 2017 A	Romania .....	20 Sep 2011	
Jordan .....	10 Jan 2012	10 Jan 2012	Rwanda .....	28 Feb 2011	20 Mar 2012
Kazakhstan .....		17 Jun 2015 a	Samoa .....		20 May 2014 a
Kenya .....	1 Feb 2012	7 Apr 2014	Sao Tome and Principe ..		10 Jan 2017 a
Kuwait .....		1 Jun 2017 a	Senegal .....	26 Jan 2012	3 Mar 2016
Kyrgyzstan .....		15 Jun 2015 a	Serbia .....	20 Sep 2011	30 Oct 2018
Lao People's Democratic Republic .....		26 Sep 2012 a	Seychelles .....	15 Apr 2011	20 Apr 2012
Lebanon .....	1 Feb 2012	13 Oct 2017	Sierra Leone .....		1 Nov 2016 a
			Slovakia .....		29 Dec 2015 a
			Slovenia .....	27 Sep 2011	

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Somalia .....	9 Jan 2012		Ukraine .....	30 Jan 2012	
South Africa.....	11 May 2011	10 Jan 2013	United Arab Emirates ....		12 Sep 2014 a
Spain .....	21 Jul 2011	3 Jun 2014	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	23 Jun 2011	22 Feb 2016
St. Kitts and Nevis .....		5 Sep 2018 a	United Republic of Tanzania.....		19 Jan 2018 a
Sudan .....	21 Apr 2011	7 Jul 2014	Uruguay .....	19 Jul 2011	14 Jul 2014
Sweden.....	23 Jun 2011	8 Sep 2016	Vanuatu.....	18 Nov 2011	1 Jul 2014
Switzerland .....	11 May 2011	11 Jul 2014	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) .....		10 Oct 2018 a
Syrian Arab Republic ....		5 Apr 2013 a	Viet Nam.....		23 Apr 2014 a
Tajikistan .....	20 Sep 2011	12 Sep 2013	Yemen.....	2 Feb 2011	
Thailand.....	31 Jan 2012		Zambia .....		20 May 2016 a
Togo.....	27 Sep 2011	10 Feb 2016	Zimbabwe .....		1 Sep 2017 a
Tunisia .....	11 May 2011				
Tuvalu.....		28 Aug 2018 a			
Uganda.....		25 Jun 2014 a			

### **Declarations**

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations were made upon ratification, accession, acceptance, approval or succession.)*

#### **ARGENTINA**

The Argentine Republic declares that the provisions on benefit-sharing in this Protocol are applicable to genetic resources and their derivatives.

Likewise, the provisions of this Protocol are applicable to the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and their derivatives originating in the Argentine Republic and acquired after the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The Argentine Republic declares that, under article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, this does not apply in respect of the genetic resources covered by the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture or in respect of the specific genetic resources covered by any other international access and benefit-sharing instrument that does not run counter to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Protocols thereto, which are in effect on the date of its entry into force.

#### **BELGIUM**

“This signature engages also the French Community, the Flemish Community, the German-speaking Community, the Walloon Region, the Flemish Region and the Brussels-Capital Region.”

#### **CHINA**

Unless otherwise notified by the Government of the People’s Republic of China, the Protocol shall not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China.

#### **EUROPEAN UNION**

“The European Union declares that, in accordance with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 191 thereof, it is competent for entering into international agreements, and for implementing the obligations resulting therefrom, which contribute to the pursuit of the following objectives:

- preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment;
- protecting human health;
- prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources;
- promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems, and in particular combatting climate change.

Moreover, the European Union adopts measures at Union level for establishing a European Research Area and for the proper functioning of its internal market.

The exercise of Union competence is by its nature subject to continuous development. In order to comply with its obligations under Article 14 (2) (a) of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention of Biological Diversity, the Union will keep up-to-date the list of legal instruments to be transmitted to the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House.

The European Union is responsible for the performance of those obligations resulting from this Protocol which are covered by Union law in force.”

#### **FRANCE**

1. The French Republic reiterates the declaration that it made upon the ratification of the Convention on Biological Diversity concerning article 16 on the transfer of technology, with regard to the implementation of articles 1 and 23 of the Protocol.

2. The French Republic recalls the terms of decision UNEP/CBD/COP/DEC/ XII/12 of 25 June 2014 in connection with the use of the term 'indigenous peoples and local communities' instead of the term 'indigenous and local communities' found in various provisions of the Protocol:

- The use of the term 'indigenous peoples and local communities' in future decisions and all secondary documents under the Protocol shall have no effect on the legal meaning of the articles of the Protocol that use the term 'indigenous and local communities';

- The use of the term 'indigenous peoples and local communities' cannot be interpreted as implying for any Party the amendment of rights or obligations under the Protocol;

- The use of the term 'indigenous peoples and local communities' in future decisions and all secondary documents shall not serve as a context for the interpretation of the Protocol, or a subsequent agreement nor subsequent practice, among the Parties to the Protocol, within the

meaning of article 31 of the Vienna Convention on the law of treaties of 23 May 1969, which codifies customary international law in this area.

With reference to the declaration that it made during the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of 13 September 2007, France would recall that, in accordance with the constitutional principles of the indivisibility of the Republic and the unity of the French people, the French people is composed of all French citizens without distinction based on origin, race or religion. Under those principles and the principle of the equality of citizens before the law, only the French people as a whole can be granted rights.

#### **SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

The accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to this Protocol shall in no way imply its recognition of Israel or entail its entry into any dealings with Israel in the matters governed by the provisions thereof.

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#### **Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Upon its Approval of the Protocol, the Government of Denmark notified the Secretary-General that the Protocol shall not apply in respect of Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

<sup>2</sup> For the European part and the Caribbean part (the Islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba) of the Netherlands.

