

NOTIFICATION

Venue and Date for Part Two of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Tenth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to update Parties and observers regarding the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP/MOP 10), and the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP/MOP 4) (the “Meetings” hereinafter).

Acknowledging the urgency to address the biodiversity crisis, adopt the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and launch its implementation, the COP Presidency and Bureau have emphasized that the second part of the Meetings must be held in 2022. Due to the continued uncertainties related to the ongoing global pandemic, China, as COP President, with the support of the Bureau, has decided to relocate the meetings from Kunming to a venue outside of China.

After close consultation among the Government of China as COP President, the Bureau, the Secretariat and the Government of Canada as host of the Secretariat, it has been decided that the second part of the Meetings will take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal, Canada from 5 to 17 December 2022.

China, as COP 15 President, will continue to preside over the Meetings, with the logo and the theme of COP 15 maintained. China will also convene the High-Level Segment and lead the facilitation of negotiations. To this end, the Government of China has agreed to fund the travel of Ministers from Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States to Canada to participate in the High-Level Segment.

The Secretariat will work closely with the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of Canada, and with the indispensable support from all Parties, to ensure the logistic arrangements for the second part of the Meetings are in place for December 2022.

I take this opportunity to convey the appreciation of the Bureau and, on behalf of the Secretariat, our gratitude to the Government of China for its unremitting support, leadership and commitment during these challenging and critical times, including the sustained efforts of preparing for the second part of the Meetings. The first part of the Meetings took place successfully in Kunming with President Xi Jinping, other State leaders and the Secretary General of the United Nations reinforcing their commitment to address the biodiversity crisis. The adoption of the Kunming Declaration by Ministers at the High-Level Segment and the announcement of the establishment of the Kunming Biodiversity Fund are among the momentous achievements that have laid a solid foundation for an ambitious negotiation and adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

I would also like to convey the appreciation of the Bureau and to express, on behalf of the Secretariat, our gratitude to the Government of Canada for its readiness to step in and provide the location for the second part of the Meetings, as well as its commitment to supporting a successful COP in 2022 under China’s Presidency.

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

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To: CBD Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points, CPB Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, international organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations