



STATEMENT OF EU INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

on future EU rules on benefit sharing for genetic resources

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The undersigned associations, representing industries based in the EU utilizing genetic resources,

- ✿ Confirm our support for the **Nagoya Protocol** on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and for the wider goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- ✿ Recommend the adoption of a single international regime to govern access to all genetic resources for plant breeding and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their utilization, in coherence with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- ✿ Commit to supporting the process with appropriate measures of self-regulation;
- ✿ Encourage those countries that have not yet done so to implement effective and transparent national access and benefit-sharing regimes;
- ✿ Encourage the Parties to the Protocol to continue development of key institutional features identified under the Protocol which will contribute to the dissemination of information on national access and benefit-sharing requirements.

We believe that the goals of the CBD are best-served by an implementation that facilitates and encourages sustainable business uses of the genetic resources that are under increasing threat across the globe. Implementation measures should assure legal certainty and should be administratively simple and consistent and be based on already existing regulations which can be fulfilled in the many normal routine cases even by small or medium-sized companies without any added administrative input. They should also provide continuity with existing best practice among companies that have developed long-term partnerships with organizations in provider countries enabling the equitable sharing of benefits. Such measures should not create trade barriers, nor interfere with existing international regimes which support the goals of CBD or with other forms of market regulation such as customs, IP offices or marketing approval authorities, and should be non-discriminatory and create no unreasonable burdens for companies seeking to protect investments through the use of intellectual property rights.

The arrangements that are appropriate differ from one industry sector to another, and we hope that the EU will recognize this in its plans. We also ask that adequate recognition is given to the question of value-added activities. Products derived from genetic resources do not just appear; rather, the value of products derived from them is a function of the knowledge inputs that are added to the raw material. These value-added activities are often the major contributions of EU industries and include expertise relating to the selection of relevant genetic resources, genetic and

biochemical analysis, product development to meet regulatory requirements and marketing expertise. Without these inputs, there are no benefits to share.

We trust that decision-makers of the EU will give due attention to the present statement in their relevant activities.

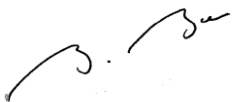
Sincerely yours,

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Garlich von Essen

Secretary General

European Seed Association

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Brendan Barnes

Director, Health Policy

European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations



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Gerard Albers

Director

European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders

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Nathalie Moll

Secretary General

EuropaBio



Tonya Kemp


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Director of International Trade Policy

Global Strategies

Personal Care Products Council

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The logo for the Personal Care Products Council consists of three overlapping circles: a purple one at the top, a blue one in the middle, and a green one at the bottom.A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. Bruins", is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Marcel Bruins

Secretary General

International Seed Federation

The logo for the International Seed Federation (ISF) features a stylized green and yellow figure resembling a person or a seedling, with the text "SEED IS LIFE" above the large blue letters "ISF". Below "ISF" is the text "International Seed Federation".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Gent".

Dr. Ricardo Gent

Executive Director

German Association of Biotechnology Industries (DIB)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Niels Louwaars".

Niels Louwaars

General Manager

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