



**NOTIFICATION**  
**Letter from COP 16 Presidency**

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), H.E. María Susana Muhamad González, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, I am pleased to transmit in annex to the present notification a letter addressed to all Ministers in charge of the CBD.

National focal points are kindly requested to ensure the letter is brought to the attention of their respective Ministers as soon as possible.

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

*(Signed)* Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, ABS national focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points



Bogota, January 31 2025

Letter addressed to:

**Ministers in charge of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

Subject: Resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 16), the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP 16, CP COP-MOP11, NP COP-MOP5)

Your Excellency,


The sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 16) and the meetings of its Protocols that took place in Cali, Colombia last October, achieved a number of historic milestones for the Convention, including the establishment of a subsidiary body for indigenous peoples and local communities and the "Cali Fund" for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources. I want to thank you for your guidance and support which contributed to achieving these important outcomes.

However, as a result of the suspension of the meetings due to a lack of quorum in the morning of November 2, we were unable to finalize discussions on a number of critical issues, including Resource Mobilization, and Planning, Monitoring, Reporting and Review, among others. These will now be taken up in a resumed in-person session of COP16, CP COP-MOP11, NP COP-MOP5, in Rome from 25 to 27 February 2025.

As it is critical that we ensure a successful outcome of the resumed sessions in Rome. With the support of the Secretariat and the COP Bureau, I have undertaken informal consultations with representatives of Parties, at both technical and ministerial level, to understand views and determine the best way forward to eventually reach consensus on resource mobilization. As we move forward, I remain open to any further consultations that you may wish to hold bilaterally.

Given the significance of this issue, I encourage you to lead your country's delegation that will attend these meetings in February or to ensure your delegation has clear political instructions and flexibility to reach an agreement. Parties have made a substantial political commitment by putting in place the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and now have the joint responsibility to ensure that it can be effectively implemented.

I trust that I have your support to work towards a prosperous result in Rome. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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