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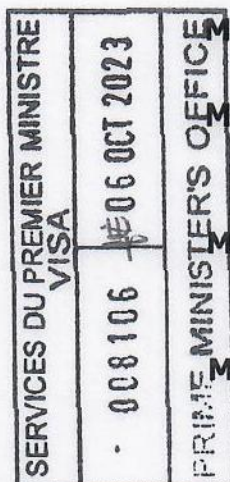
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ORDER N°. /MINEPDED OF

TO SPECIFY THE TASKS OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ON ACCESS AND FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THE UTILIZATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES.

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,

- Mindful of** the Constitution;
- Mindful of** the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted on 22 May 1992 and ratified on 19 October 1994 and its Nagoya Protocol adopted on 29 October 2010 and ratified on 30 November 2016;
- Mindful of** Law No. 64/LF/23 of 13 November 1964 on Public Health Protection;
- Mindful of** Law No. 94/01 of 20 January 1994 to lay down Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Regulations;
- Mindful of** Framework Law No. 96/12 of 5 August 1996 relating to Environmental Management;
- Mindful of** Law No. 98/005 of 14 April 1998 to lay down regulations governing water resources;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2001/017 of 19 December 2000 to regulate Veterinary Health Inspection;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2003/003 of 21 April 2003 relating to Phytosanitary Protection;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2003/006 of 21 April 2003 to lay down safety regulations governing Modern Biotechnology in Cameroon;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2018/011 of 11 July 2018 to lay down the Cameroon Code of Transparency and Good Governance in Public Finance Management;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2018/012 of 11 July 2018 relating to Fiscal Regime of the State and other Public Entities;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2021/014 of 9 July 2021 to govern access to genetic resources, their derivatives, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 92/089 of 4 May 1992 to specify the duties of the Prime Minister as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 95/145 of 4 August 1995;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 94/199 of 7 October 1994 to lay down the General Rules and Regulations governing the Public Service as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2000/287 of 12 October 2000;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organize the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;



Mindful of Decree No. 2019/001 of 4 January 2019 to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government,

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1.- (1) This Order specifies the tasks of the National Focal Point on access and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, hereinafter referred to as "National Focal Point".

(2) It is pursuant to the provisions of Article 36 of Law No. 2021/014 of 9 July 2021 to govern access to genetic resources, their derivatives, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use.

CHAPTER II
TASKS OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

ARTICLE 2.- The National Focal Point on matters regarding access to genetic resources, their derivatives, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use (ABS) shall act as liaison between the Competent National Authority, the Secretariat of the Nagoya Protocol and stakeholders.

As such, the National Focal Point shall:

- liaise with the ABS Clearance-House to provide information to users on the procedures to obtain Prior Informed Consent and on the establishment of Mutually Agreed Terms, including benefits-sharing;
- provide information to users on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and information on the procedure to obtain the ABS Permit;
- oversee the participation of grass-root populations and local communities in the process to negotiate Mutually Agreed Terms, including benefits-sharing;
- make available, to any interested person, information on issues regarding access to genetic resources, their derivatives, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use;



- ensure monitoring of the use of genetic resources and their derivatives following their exit from the national territory;
- ensure, in compliance with the provisions of the law governing access to genetic resources, their derivatives, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use, the traceability of transferred genetic resources as well as biological resources found abroad;
- ensure compliance with the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol and those of the law governing access to genetic resources, their derivatives, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use;
- inform National Focal Points of other countries of their genetic resources used in Cameroon.

CHAPITRE III **MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE 3.- The ABS National Focal Point shall submit an annual report of activities to the Minister in charge of the environment.

ARTICLE 4.- This Order shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and in French./-

Yaounde, 18 OCT 2023



HELE Pierre,

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURE
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