

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

1 October 2014 No. 933

**ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATION
CENTRE ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT-
SHARING**

In accordance with [paragraph 2](#) of the Presidential Decree of the Republic of Belarus “On Accession to the International Treaty” of 22 May 2014 No. 235, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus DECIDES to:

1. Accept a proposal of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus agreed upon with the involved ministries and the State Committee of Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus on establishment of the “National Coordination Centre on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing” based at the State Scientific Institution “Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus”; assign the Centre with the Checkpoint functions to monitor genetic resources’ utilization as determined within the scope 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 adopted on 29 October 2010, in Nagoya (hereinafter referred to as “the Nagoya Protocol”).

2. Establish the major objectives of the National Coordination Centre on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing as follows:

data collection, analysis and systematization with regard to the legislation, regulating the access to genetic resources of the Republic of Belarus and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization; data collection and systematization with regard to genetic resources of the Republic of Belarus, access to which may be provided to stakeholders and the Database development on the use of genetic resources; specifying terms and conditions of access to genetic resources of the Republic of Belarus and their use, including the benefit-sharing arising from their utilization; providing information to stakeholders on access to genetic resources of the Republic of Belarus and the terms of their use, including the benefit-sharing arising

from their utilization;
arranging the expert review for projects and agreements on access to genetic resources of the Republic of Belarus and the terms of their use, including the benefit-sharing arising from their utilization for the compliance with the Nagoya Protocol;

information exchange with National Focal Points (National Coordination Centres) of other countries and international organizations on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;

providing advisory services to the involved Republican bodies of the State administration and other organizations in:
drafting legislative acts on access to genetic resources of the Republic of Belarus and specifying terms of their use, including the benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of such resources;

preparing proposals on the accession to international treaties on access to genetic resources and specifying terms of their use, including the benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of such resources;

incarrying out functions of the Checkpoint to monitor the utilization of genetic resources:

data collection on receiving the prior informed consent on access to genetic resources and their sources; consolidation of mutually agreed terms for the use of such resources, including the benefit-sharing arising from their utilization; require users of genetic resources to provide information on the terms of the genetic resources' utilization and the compliance of terms with provisions of the Nagoya Protocol with a view of implementing effective measures to resolve issues in cases of non-compliance with the terms on access to genetic resources and their use, including the benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of such resources;

performing other tasks assigned to the Checkpoint to monitor the utilization of genetic resources within the scope of the Nagoya Protocol.

3. Republican bodies of State administration that carry out activities in the field of biology, medicine, ecology and biotechnology shall assist the State Scientific Institution "Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus" in exercising functions of the National Coordination Centre on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing.

4. Ascertain that financing of the State Scientific Institution "Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus" in implementation of its functions as the National Coordination Centre on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing shall be provided within the republican budget allocated for scientific and technical scientific activity.

5. The Resolution shall come into effect upon its official publication.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus

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