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Communication from the Government of Argentina regarding the admission of observers to the fourth session of the Plenary of the Platform

Note by the secretariat

The annex to the present note sets out a communication received from the Government of Argentina, reproduced as received, together with an unofficial translation into English prepared by the secretariat.

Annex

Communication from the Government of Argentina regarding the admission of observers to the fourth session of the Plenary of the Platform





Unofficial Translation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship  
Reference No. 74/2016  
Buenos Aires, 29 January 2016

Mrs Executive Secretary

I am pleased to address you with respect to the admission of observers to the Fourth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to be held between 22 and 28 February 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In this regard, the Argentine Republic informs that it has decided not to object to the admission of the organizations mentioned in the document IPBES/4/INF/23 “IPBES List of Participants in the first, second and third session of the Plenary and admission of new observers to the fourth session" (and its annexes) as observers of the Fourth Plenary Session of IPBES on the understanding that their respective experts duly take into account, in their papers and/or presentations, the existence of territories subject to disputes over sovereignty recognized by the United Nations and, consequently, requests to adjust all the contents of jurisdictional nature in order to reflect the controversial aspects.

Additionally, it kindly requests the circulation of a notification to the participating institutions on the need for their respective experts to duly take into account, in their papers and/or presentations, the existence of territories subject to disputes over sovereignty recognized by the United Nations and, consequently, requests to adjust all the contents of jurisdictional nature in order to reflect the controversial aspects.

I should be grateful for the necessary arrangements to be made so that these organizations receive this communication before making their presentations.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest consideration.

Maria Fabiana Loguzzo,

Director General of Environmental Issues

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