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SUBJECT: **CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE PREPARATION OF A COUNTRY REPORT ON THE STATE OF BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

In the interest of service, a Technical Working Group (TWG) under the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning and the Office of the Director of Policy Research Service is hereby created for the preparation of a Country Report on the State of Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, as follows:

Technical Working Group

Chair	:	Chief, Food, Agriculture & Fisheries Policy Division (FAFPD) Policy Research Service, DA
Co-Chair	:	Representative, DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau
Members	:	Representative, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) Representative, Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Representative, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Representative, Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) Representative, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) Representative, Forest Management Bureau, DENR Representative, BIOTECH, UP Los Baños Representative, Marine Science Institute, UP Diliman Representative, Academe (with relevant work on conservation of genetic resources) Representative, Scientists and experts with relevant works and researches on the conservation of biodiversity for food and agriculture FAFPD, PRS

The Country Report is an input to the FAO Report on the Status of World Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture. The Country Report will support the sectoral reports on plants, aquaculture, animals and forestry resources prepared by DA agencies to the FAO.

The TWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Prepare report on the status and trends of associated biodiversity for food and agriculture following the guidelines for the preparation of the Country Report, and covering the following areas:

   a) presence of species of importance to ecosystem function e.g. through control of plant, animal and aquatic pests, soil formation and health, water provision and quality, etc.
   b) production systems
   c) identification, description and effects of the major drivers of change in biodiversity in and around production systems, ecosystem services and wild foods
   d) management practices supporting the use and conservation of biodiversity for food and agriculture and diversity based practices and interventions
   e) national policies, programs and enabling frameworks that support conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture
   f) future plan and priorities to improve the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture;

2. Prepare tools and guidelines to measure changes on biodiversity for food and agriculture;

3. Consult relevant government and research institutions and civil society during and after the preparation of the Country Report and conduct public consultation;

4. Assist in the coordination of activities that have direct relevance to the preparation of the Country Report;

5. Serve as sounding board of their respective offices to facilitate information dissemination and feedback;

6. Participate in relevant meetings & activities in relation to the preparation and finalization of the Country Report; and

7. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning as the National Focal Point in the preparation of the Country Report.

The TWG members are entitled to claim travel expenses in connection with the performance of their duties and responsibilities in the preparation of the Country Report charged against their respective Agency funds and subject to relevant accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until the completion of the Country Report.

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Secretary

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