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OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion 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

(COM(2012)0577 – C7-0000/2013 – 2012/0279(NLE))

Rapporteur: José Bové

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The proposal for a Council Decision under consideration relates to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (thereafter 'Nagoya Protocol'), which was adopted in October 2010. The Nagoya Protocol is the continuation of the older Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), already in force. More specifically, Article 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity contains an outline of the rules for access and benefit-sharing (ABS); the Nagoya Protocol gives these substance, in essence creating a new international regime for ABS.

The European Union and most of its Member States signed the Nagoya Protocol, which requires 50 ratifications in order to enter into force, which is expected to happen in 2014. It is natural that the Member States, which played an important role in the shaping of the Nagoya Protocol, should quickly move to ratify it. The rapporteur for opinion supports the Nagoya Protocol and wishes to quickly see its ratification.

In his separate opinion on the proposed regulation which implements the Nagoya Protocol in the Union [references: COM(2012)576 final and 2012/0278 (COD)] the rapporteur proposes some amendments intended to make the future regulation more effective. For a full explanation of the rapporteur for opinion's position on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the Union, please consult the corresponding 'short justification', which is not reproduced here.

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament gives its consent.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	30.5.2013
Result of final vote	+: 28 -: 1 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Eric Andrieu, José Bové, Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos, Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă, Michel Dantin, Albert Deß, Diane Dodds, Herbert Dorfmann, Robert Dušek, Iratxe García Pérez, Béla Glattfelder, Martin Häusling, Peter Jahr, Elisabeth Jeggle, Elisabeth Köstinger, George Lyon, Mairead McGuinness, James Nicholson, Wojciech Michał Olejniczak, Marit Paulsen, Britta Reimers, Alfreds Rubiks, Giancarlo Scottà, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris, Alyn Smith, Ewald Stadler, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, Marc Tarabella, Janusz Wojciechowski
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Marian Harkin, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Jens Nilsson