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**DISCUSSION PAPER ON AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE OF  
ORIGIN/SOURCE/LEGAL PROVENANCE**

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

1. At the request of the Government of Japan, the Executive Secretary is pleased to make available herewith, a discussion paper on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance.
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## **DISCUSSION PAPER SUBMITTED BY JAPAN ON AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN/SOURCE/LEGAL PROVENANCE**

Japan would like to submit this discussion paper on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance (hereinafter referred to as “a Certificate system”) for the Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, 8-12 October 2007 in Montreal, Canada.

### **1 Objective**

The objective of the submission is to propose priority items for discussion, so that discussions on the International Regime be conducted in an appropriate manner based on previous discussions on a Certificate system. While respecting the content of the report of the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts held in January 2007, Japan hopes that this paper will contribute to advance discussions on a Certificate system and the related International Regime.

The introduction of a new regime(s)/system(s)/institution(s) should be based on the self-evident and lofty philosophy which will be advantageous to all Parties. From this view point, Japan intends to propose the following four items to which priority should be given in discussions.

### **2 Priority items for discussions**

#### **2.1 Measurement of expected benefits in connection with the introduction of a Certificate system under the "with or without principle"**

#### **2.2 Identification of the objectives of a Certificate system**

- A) Sorting out of the relations between the International Regime and a Certificate system
- B) Identification of the scope of a Certificate system

#### **2.3 Consideration on effectiveness**

- A) Consideration on effectiveness of a Certificate system by identifying its objectives and scope
- B) Realization of a Certificate system in which resources and compliance information match

#### **2.4 Implementation of cost-benefit and/or cost-effectiveness analyses**

Analysis 1: Current system of the CBD and its comparison with typical optional choices of a new system

Analysis 2: Comparison among optional choices that could be effective under the International Regime

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