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1. Duration

GBIF is intended to be an open-ended long-term cooperative endeavour in order to sustain the benefits of access to biodiversity data.

2. Discontinuation

The Voting Participants, acting by consensus, may discontinue this MOU at any time. In a situation where discontinuation has been so decided the GBIF Secretariat, acting in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is located will arrange for the liquidation of the assets of GBIF; property held by the GBIF Secretariat for the benefit of the Participants is to be regarded, for this purpose, as assets of GBIF. In the event of such liquidation, the GBIF Secretariat, so far as practicable, will distribute any assets of GBIF or the proceeds there from, in proportion to the Basic Financial Contributions which the Participants have made from the beginning of the operation of GBIF.

3. Modifications

Excepting paragraph 2 (5), this MOU may be modified at any time by the Governing Board through a consensus vote of all the representatives of all the Voting Participants.

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Signed at Madrid (Spain), this 26 day of September, 2011.