



**Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
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PRRI statement on DSI

Thank you Mr. Chair,

I speak on behalf of the Public Research and Regulation Initiative (PRRI)

Mr Chair, readily and freely available Digital Sequence Information (DSI) is crucial for public research to support the objectives of the Convention, the implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals.

Topic of current international discussion is whether and how DSI is to be addressed under the access and benefit sharing provisions of the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing.

This has become a prolonged discussion that is creating counterproductive uncertainty for research for the common good.

PRRI proposes that - at a minimum - the Parties agree that if DSI is to be included under national systems and/or under the Nagoya Protocol, or any multilateral system that may be under discussion, it must not hamper public research, it must facilitate and support innovation by the public sector, and it must promote and support research that contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Finally, PRRI remains available to provide scientific contribution to the further deliberations on this topic.

Thank you Mr Chair