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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP V) to the Convention on Biological Diversity which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15 to 26 May 2000.

In this regard, I have the pleasure to inform you that the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties has agreed that a one-day high level segment be organized during COP V on Wednesday, 24 May 2000.

I have the honour to invite participating Ministers and Heads of delegations to attend this high level segment. The focus of the high level segment shall be the Biosafety Protocol with particular emphasis on capacity building endeavours and efforts to promote the ratification of the Protocol. The high level segment will conclude with the signing ceremony for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

The Government of Kenya has informed the Secretariat that they will organize a ministerial meeting in conjunction with the high level segment. Therefore, the high level segment shall be preceded by the ministerial meeting on Tuesday, 23 May 2000. The Government of Kenya shall issue the official invitation letters for the ministerial meeting.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could advise the Secretariat at your earliest convenience of the name of your country's representative to this important event.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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