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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

Re: Report of the meeting of the Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety – 18 to 20 October 2004, Montreal, Canada

I am pleased to convey herewith the report of the meeting of the Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which was held in Montreal, Canada, from 18 to 20 October 2004, pursuant to Decision BS-I/8 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol (COP-MOP).

The meeting of the Technical Group of Experts made a number of recommendations to the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress. In this context, I wish to draw your attention to the recommendation contained in paragraph 117 (d) which requested the Executive Secretary to invite Parties to the Protocol, other Governments, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to submit further views on the matter covered by Article 27 of the Protocol in particular with respect to scenarios, approaches, options and issues identified in the annex to the report no later than three months before the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress.

Accordingly, it will be appreciated if the views are submitted no later than 25 February 2005, in order to undertake the necessary preparations for the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB NFPs have not yet been nominated)
Relevant international organizations

