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NOTIFICATION

Ad hoc technical expert group meeting on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species which will meet in Auckland, New Zealand from 16 to 20 May 2005

At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested, in paragraph 9 of its decision VII/13, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to establish an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework at global and regional levels, in particular the specific gaps identified in paragraph 7 of the same decision, and make recommendations to SBSTTA prior to the ninth meeting of the COP for the full and effective implementation of Article 8(h) of the Convention. At its tenth meeting, recently held in Bangkok, Thailand, the SBSTTA formally established the AHTEG.

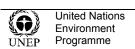
Further to our Notification dated 17 November 2004 (ref. 2004-097 and SCBD/STTM/LR/45602) inviting Parties to the Convention to nominate experts with professional competence and expertise relating to invasive alien species, we received 45 nominations from Parties and other Governments. The list of selected experts for the AHTEG is provided in Annex I and the provisional agenda in Annex II.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Annex I

Selected experts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species Auckland, New Zealand 16-20 May 2005

Africa

Mrs. Fosi Mbantenkhu Mary (Cameroon)

Mr. Selbie Remie (Seychelles)

Mrs. Francisca F. Katagira (Tanzania)

Asia

Prof. Wang Canfa (China)

Mr. Demetres Koutroukide (Cyprus)

Mr. Tsuyoshi Yoshida (Japan)

Latin America and Caribbean

Mr. Sergio Martin Zalba (Argentina)

Mrs. Stacey Wells-Moultrie (Bahamas)

Mr. Brigido Hierro Garcia (Dominican Republic)

Central and Eastern Europe

Mr. Botond Mihály (Hungary)

Mr. Wojciech Solarz (Poland)

Ms. Eleonora Popescu (Romania)

WEOG

Mr. Nicola Notaro (EC)

Mr. Doug Laing (Australia)

Mr. Mark Hovorka (Canada)







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Provisional agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.2 Election of officers;
 - 2.3 Organization of work.
- 3. Gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework and options to address them.
- 4. Need for standards or other measures.
- 5. Adoption of the report.
- 6. Other matters.
- 7. Closure of the meeting.