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REMINDER NOTIFICATION

Submission of Views and Suggestions on the Criteria and Minimum Requirements for Experts to be Nominated to the Roster of Biosafety Experts as well as Views on a Possible Quality Control Mechanism for the Roster

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to Notification SCBD/BS/ET/jh/54978 dated 31 May 2006 (available on our website at: <u>http://www.biodiv.org/doc/notifications/2006/ntf-2006-054-roe-en.pdf</u>), in which Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations were invited to submit to the Secretariat views and suggestions on the criteria and minimum requirements for experts to be nominated to the Roster of Biosafety Experts as well as views on a possible quality control mechanism for the Roster.

As you will recall, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in its decision BS-III/4, paragraph 11, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, on the basis of above-mentioned submissions, a synthesis report for consideration by the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, which in turn will develop proposals for consideration at the fourth meeting of the Parties. The next meeting of the Liaison Group, which will consider this issue, is scheduled to take place 1-2 March 2007 in Lusaka, Zambia.

In order to allow the Secretariat sufficient time to prepare the synthesis report to assist the Liaison Group in its deliberations, I would like to remind you to submit your views and suggestions to the Secretariat as soon as possible, but **no later than 1 November 2006**, as specified in the initial notification mentioned above.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support to the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and look forward to our continued cooperation.

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

[signed]

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To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) National Focal Points CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated) Relevant Organizations



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