Ref.: SCBD/SPS/CG/VN/KG/ps/86062   27 October 2016

N O T I F I C A T I O N

**Invitation to prepare for elections to replace outgoing members of the
Compliance Committees at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the
meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP 8) and the second meeting of the
Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the
Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 2)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that the term of ten members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and five members of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing is due to expire on 31 December 2016 as follows:

| | | Members whose terms are ending ||
		Cartagena Protocol	**Nagoya Protocol**
REGION	Africa	Johansen Voker Kaouthar Tliche Aloui	Christine Echookit Akello
	Asia-Pacific	Banpot Napompeth Rai Rana	Achmad Gusman Catur Siswandi
	CEE	Angela Lozan Dubravka Stepic	Elzbieta Martyniuk
	GRULAC	Héctor Conde Almeida Jimena Nieto Carrasco	Indarjit Ramdass
	WEOG	Ruben Dekker Geoff Ridley	Alejandro Lago Candeira

It is, therefore, my pleasure to invite regional groups to consult among themselves and to come to COP-MOP 8 and COP-MOP 2 in Cancun, Mexico prepared to make nominations of suitable candidates for election to serve on the respective Compliance Committees for the next four years. The lists of existing members of the Compliance Committees are available at: http://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/bs-compliance.pdf and https://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/np-compliance.pdf.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Protocols to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

To :   National Focal Points to the Cartagena and the Nagoya Protocols
        CBD National Focal Points (where CPB and ABS NFPs have not yet been designated)