



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

21 May 1999

Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: Expert Panel on Access and Benefit-Sharing established by Decision IV/8 of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Please refer to our communications dated 27 July and 13 November 1998, inviting Parties and Governments to submit up to five names of experts on the issue of access and benefit-sharing. The roster will be used to select experts who may be called upon by the Executive Secretary to attend the meeting of the Expert Panel, scheduled to be held from 4-8 October 1999. Parties and Governments are also kindly reminded that the nomination of such experts are crucial for organizing this meeting. We therefore would like to extend the deadline for nomination until 15 July 1999. Due consideration will be given to the various sectoral representation as called for by decision IV/8. Please kindly provide the required information on the enclosed form and its attachment for each nominee and forward them to the Secretariat by above mentioned date. Any additional information, if available, would be welcome.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

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