

25 April 2000

NOTIFICATION IV

Ministerial Meeting and High Level Segment

THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

This is to advise that the Secretariat has received a copy (please see attached) of the invitation letter issued by the Government of Kenya with regard to the **Ministerial Meeting**, which will be organized on **23 May 2000** at UNEP Headquarters during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The Ministerial Meeting will be followed by a one-day **High Level Segment** on **24 May 2000** at UNEP Headquarters. Ministers and Heads of Delegations have been invited to participate in this event. The High Level Segment will focus on the Biosafety Protocol with particular emphasis on capacity building endeavours and efforts to promote the ratification of the Protocol. It is proposed to work in a round-table setting organised along the UN regions and to invite participants to prepare short statements. The UN regions are encouraged to co-ordinate their efforts and designate representatives to make short interventions at this event. The Government of Kenya will chair the High Level Segment, which will conclude with the signing ceremony of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Excellency,

**Re: Invitation for the Ministerial Round Table Meeting
23 May 2000**

As you might be aware, Kenya will be privileged to host the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 5) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which will take place between 15th - 26th May 2000.

As part of the meeting, a Ministerial Round Table is scheduled to take place on 23rd May 2000 and it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the proceedings of the meeting.

Accept, Excellency, the Assurances of our Highest Consideration.

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