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REMINDER

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Re: Meeting of technical experts on the Biosafety Clearing House established under
Decision EM-I/3 and Decision V/1**

Reference is made to my letter of 26 May 2000 in which you were kindly requested to provide the Secretariat with the names and CVs of up to five experts for the purpose of selecting 30 experts to participate in the above mentioned meeting, which will be held from 11-13 September 2000 in Montreal, Canada.

As of today, only 20 Governments have provided the Secretariat with the requested information. Therefore this is a kind reminder to all Parties and States that have not yet submitted their nominations to do so without further delay to allow the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the ICCP, to initiate and complete the selection process in a timely manner. In order for the meeting to be held as scheduled, it is proposed that the selection process be completed by 31 July 2000. Therefore, given these time constraints, please note that nominations received by the Secretariat after 15 July 2000 will not be considered for the composition of the panel. Please also ensure that a CV is submitted for each nominated expert to allow the Secretariat to evaluate properly the expertise of the nominees.

Furthermore, I also wish to draw your attention to the financial resources required to organize the meeting, particularly with respect to supporting the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the meeting. To this date, the Secretariat did not receive contributions or pledges in support of the meeting. I am confident that having been made aware of the situation, you shall spare no effort in assuring that additional contributions in support of approved activities for biosafety for the biennium 1999-2000, as indicated in the table at the end of Decision EM-1/3, are made available to the Secretariat to ensure the success and effectiveness of the meeting of experts on the Biosafety Clearing-House.



I look forward to your continued support for the implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: All National Focal Points of the CBD
Cc: Chairman and Members of the Bureau of the ICCP