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NOTIFICATION

- Re:**
- i) Second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP-2)**
 - ii) Open-ended meeting of experts on compliance (Article 34 of the Biosafety Protocol)**

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) decided, at its first meeting held in Montpellier, France, from 11 to 15 December 2000, that its second meeting shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal from 1 to 5 October 2001.

According to rule 3 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which apply *mutatis mutandis* to meetings of its subsidiary bodies, meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties. Since the first meeting of the ICCP, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Mr. Klaus Töpfer, has made an offer to the Bureau of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to host the second meeting of ICCP at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties referred the offer to the ICCP Bureau, which accepted it at its meeting held in Montreal, on 21 March 2001.

I therefore wish to request you to kindly take note of the change of venue of the meeting, which will now take place at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi from 1 to 5 October 2001.

I would also inform you that, as a consequence of this change of venue, the open-ended meeting of experts on compliance (Article 34), which ICCP requested be convened back-to-back with its second meeting, will also take place at UNEP headquarters, Nairobi, from 26 to 28 September 2001.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: ICCP National Focal Points
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