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**NOTIFICATION**

Madam/Sir

**Re: Open-ended expert meeting to further develop proposals on the implementation of capacity building provisions of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 11-13 July 2001, Havana, Cuba**

I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to the recommendation of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) on capacity-building and at the kind invitation of the Government of Cuba, the Open-ended expert meeting on the implementation of capacity building provisions of the Biosafety Protocol will be held, subject to the availability of funds, from 11 to 13 July 2001, in Havana, Cuba.

This meeting is being organized in coordination with UNEP which, as requested by the ICCP, is organizing, in collaboration with the GEF, a workshop on financial support for the creation and implementation of national biosafety frameworks, back-to-back with the open-ended expert meeting, on 14 July 2001 at the same venue.

Please find attached herewith the provisional agenda and other documents for the meeting. The documents are also available on the website of the Secretariat: <http://www.biodiv.org>.

A general information note including a pre-registration form for participants is also attached. Participants are kindly requested to fill in the form and return it to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience.

Kindly inform the Secretariat of the name and contact address of the officially designated delegate(s) of your organization at the earliest opportunity, preferably no later than **22 June 2001**.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: IGOs and NGOs

**OPEN-ENDED EXPERT MEETING ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR  
THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY,  
11 – 13 JULY 2001, HAVANA, CUBA**

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

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