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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Open-Ended Meeting of Experts on Compliance, 26-28 September 2001, Nairobi
and
Second Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on
Biosafety (ICCP), 1-5 October 2001, Nairobi.**

I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to decision V/I of the Conference of the Parties, the recommendations of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) and at the kind invitation of the Executive Director of UNEP, the Open-Ended Meeting of Experts on Compliance and the second meeting of ICCP will be held at the UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya from 26-28 September 2001 and 1 to 5 October 2001 respectively.

Meeting rooms will be available for informal regional consultations on 29 and 30 September 2001, at the same venue. Regional coordinators should contact the Secretariat to confirm whether their groups will be meeting on those days.

Please find attached herewith the provisional agenda and annotations thereto for both meetings, as well as pre-registration forms. Participants are kindly requested to fill in the relevant form and return it to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience. Other pre-session documents for these meetings and a general information note for participants will be sent to you shortly by courier. They will also be available on the website of the Secretariat at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

Kindly inform the Secretariat of the name and contact address of the officially designated delegate(s) of your Government at the earliest opportunity, but not later than **7 September 2001** in order to enable travel arrangements to be made for eligible participants. Confirmation of travel assistance will be made in due course, provided that funds are available. In view of the budget constraints and in order to allow more countries to attend the meeting, the Secretariat will be using special-fare tickets, which impose restrictions about changing the passenger's name and dates of travel upon issuance of the ticket. In this respect, kindly note that it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate such changes if they are received after **14 September 2001**.

To: ICCP National Focal Points
CBD National Focal Points (where ICCP National Focal Points have not yet been designated).

Developing countries

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Depending on the status of contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process established by decision III/24, the Secretariat hopes to be in a position to finance the participation of **one** representative from each of the developing countries Parties to the Convention, in particular the least developed and small island developing States amongst them, and countries with economies in transition.

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

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary