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15 January 2002

Dear Madam/Sir,

REMINDER

Notification: Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing

By notification dated 29 November 2001, the Executive Secretary invited Parties to take specific actions to implement recommendations adopted by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its meeting in Bonn, from 22-26 October 2001, including the **development of draft elements regarding the Use of Terms under paragraph 6 of the Draft Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits arising out of their Utilization.**

The Working Group recommended that the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, convene a group of ten experts nominated by Parties, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation, to develop draft elements of a decision on the use of terms in the Bonn Guidelines (e.g. paragraph 6 of the draft Bonn Guidelines). It is expected that the experts will work initially through electronic communications with a view to elaborating elements of a decision on the use of terms for the Conference of the Parties.

In the notification dated 29 November 2001, interested Parties were *inter alia* invited to nominate an expert and to communicate his/her name and curriculum vitae to the Secretariat no later than 31 December 2001. The Executive Secretary reiterates the invitation to interested Parties to nominate an expert as soon as possible and no later than **15 February 2002**. Based on nominations received, the Secretariat will then select ten experts on the basis of their expertise and the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution, and with due regard to gender balance.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

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