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## NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Liaison Group Meeting on Capacity-Building for Biosafety  
4-5 November 2002; Montreal, Canada**

At its third meeting, which was held from 22-26 April 2002 in The Hague, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP), in its Recommendation 3/5, proposed the establishment of a Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. One of the elements of the Coordination Mechanism is a Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety. The Secretariat was requested to administer the Coordination Mechanism, including convening and servicing meetings of the liaison group, as necessary.

Pursuant to that recommendation, a meeting of the Liaison Group will be held from 4 to 5 November 2002 at the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal, Canada.

I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of this liaison group. The composition was determined by the Secretariat taking into account the participants' demonstrated expertise and experience in the field of capacity-building, a balanced geographical distribution between regions, and fair representation of relevant stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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**Composition of the Liaison Group Meeting on Capacity-Building for Biosafety;**  
**4-5 November 2002; Montreal, Canada**

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