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NOTIFICATION**Representation and Credentials
COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 Meetings**February 2004, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to Notification 2003-099 dated 16 September 2003 and in accordance with rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, I wish to inform you that Parties are required to submit separate credentials of their representatives to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-7) and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP-1) respectively.

As you are aware, the Conference of the Parties will adjourn on 20 February 2004 and resume on 27 February 2004 to consider the outcome of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety relating to *inter alia* guidance to the financial mechanism pursuant to Article 28 (3) of the Protocol.

Please ensure that the name(s) of your country's representative(s) to COP/MOP-1 meeting who would also represent your country at the last session of COP-7 on 27 February 2004 (to adopt the decision on financial matters as they relate to the Biosafety Protocol) is also included in the credentials for COP-7.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: All CBD National Focal Points
Cartagena Protocol/ ICCP Focal Points