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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: New web-based tool to search ICCP recommendations

Pursuant to Articles 17 and 18.3 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Article 20 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Secretariat of the CBD developed a web-based tool to search, locate and retrieve information on recommendations made by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP).

Using this new electronic tool, information may be retrieved using a controlled subject search, keywords or words found in the title of a recommendation. It is also possible to search for recommendations made at all ICCP meetings, multiple or single ICCP meetings. Furthermore, this tool offers the ability to search through Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions, Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) recommendations and ICCP recommendations using keywords or title words.

In addition, the information contained in decisions and recommendations has been coded in a manner to facilitate integration and harmonization with similar information held by other international organizations and convention secretariats.

The tool to search for ICCP recommendations is available on the Convention's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/convention/search.aspx>

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

To: SBSTTA National Focal Points
CHM National Focal Points
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International Thematic Focal Points
Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points
ICCP National Focal Points (where biosafety focal points have not yet been designated) and CBD
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