



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Invitation to make nominations for a Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety -
18 to 20 October 2004, Montreal, Canada**

Reference is made to paragraph 4 of Decision BS-I/8 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol (COP-MOP) which requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of COP-MOP, to convene a Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress composed of experts nominated by Parties to the Protocol to undertake preparatory work for the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol.

Following financial contributions made available by the Government of the United Kingdom and the European Community, the meeting of the Technical Group of Experts will take place in Montreal, Canada, from 18 to 20 October 2004.

Due to limited funding, the number of participants at the meeting of Technical Group of Experts will also be limited to approximately 60 to 70 experts drawn from nominations by Parties to the Protocol, as well as observers from other Governments, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders. The selection of experts will take into account knowledge and experience of international law relating to liability and redress and, as usual, be based on a fair and equitable regional representation.

In this regard, I would appreciate it if Parties to the Protocol, Governments and relevant organizations could submit the names and Curriculum Vitae of suitably qualified candidates to the Secretariat no later than **31 August 2004** in order to allow us to finalize, in consultation with the Bureau of COP-MOP, the selection of participants for this meeting in a timely manner. Please note that the meeting will be conducted in English only.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

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