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NOTIFICATION

Re: Central and Eastern Europe Workshop on Sustainable Use - May 2005

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 5 of decision VII/12 on sustainable use, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the Executive Secretary to convene a series of technical expert workshops on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources.

I have the pleasure to inform you that, subject to the availability of financial resources, the workshop for the Central and Eastern European region is tentatively planned to be held in the Russian Federation from 30 May to 1 June 2005:

Consistent with decision VII/12, the workshop will focus on:

- Ecosystem services assessment;
- Financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources.

Moreover, it will provide a forum for government officials and practitioners to enhance their awareness and understanding of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and other CBD guidelines and promote the use of these guidelines in an integrated manner, as a contribution to facilitating the achievement of the 2010 target, sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

The workshop will focus on, but not be limited to, one or two biomes of major interest. The workshop will also facilitate and promote exchange of experiences among government officials and practitioners through the review of regional case studies.

I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 March 2005**, a government official who you deem should benefit from the training provided during this workshop, taking into account the need to ensure the maximum benefits for each country in the future.

To: CBD National Focal Points in Central and Eastern Europe

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The Secretariat will select candidates based on the role that the nominee is expected to play upon completion of the training workshop in the sustainable management and use of biological diversity at the national and local levels, his/her expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution. The selection will be carried out using the following criteria:

- ❑ Demonstrated experience in issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity at the government or field level;
- ❑ Knowledge of the CBD programmes of work;
- ❑ Capability to transfer the knowledge acquired during the workshop to other managers/practitioners at the national level, i.e. opportunity/capability to become trainer after the workshop;
- ❑ Knowledge of legal, policy, institutional and economic issues related to the management of biological resources at the national/local level;
- ❑ Experience in community-based resource management, project management and supervision (desirable but not indispensable);

Each participant in the workshop will be requested to present a case study on the sustainable use of biological resources in his/her country (guidelines for the drafting of the case study will be provided to the selected candidates in due course). Nominations should be accompanied by a *curriculum vitae* that clearly indicates the areas of expertise of the nominee.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary