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Re: Invitation to prepare for an election at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to replace the out-going members of the Compliance Committee and those who have resigned

Madam/Sir,

At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) adopted procedures and mechanisms on compliance and elected a Compliance Committee consisting of 15 members (decision BS-I/7). While members of the Compliance Committee are normally elected for a period of four years, which is a full term, the first meeting of the COP-MOP elected five members, one from each region, for a two-year half term, and the remaining ten members, two from each region, for a four-year full term.

In accordance with Rule 10 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Compliance Committee adopted at the second meeting of the COP-MOP, the term of office of the members of the Committee commenced on 1 January 2005. Thus, the term of those members who were elected for a two-year half term will come to an end on 31 December 2006. Also, two other committee members, namely Ms. Natatua Prescott (Tonga, Asia & Pacific region) and Mr. Leonard O'Garro (Barbados, GRULAC region) have resigned earlier from the Committee and their replacement is still pending. Therefore, COP-MOP/3 needs to make the necessary arrangements for the election of new members to the Compliance Committee to replace the outgoing ones and those who have resigned.

I therefore invite you to consult within your region and to come to Curitiba, Brazil, prepared to make nominations of suitable candidates and to elect or re-elect some members of the Compliance Committee for the next term, which will be a full four-year term. In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that, at the second meeting of the Compliance Committee held from 6 to 8 February 2006 in Montreal, Canada, those members of the Compliance Committee who will continue to serve a few more years expressed the view that COP-MOP may wish to consider re-electing the members whose term ends by the end of the year for another term to ensure continuity in the functions of the Committee. The list of existing members of the Committee is attached herewith for reference.

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

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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To: National Focal Points of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and other Governments



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