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NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: E-FORUM AND BRAINSTORMING MEETING ON THE IMPACT OF THE HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS ON WILDLIFE

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention, is convening a brainstorming meeting on the impact of the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus on wildlife. The meeting is to be held on 19 March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil, at the Expo Trade Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Chair of the SBSTTA will present the results of the meeting to the 8th meeting of the CBD Conference of the Parties, starting on 20 March 2006.

All governments and organizations that wish to send experts to attend the meeting **at their expense** should communicate the contact details of their experts to the Secretariat (secretariat@biodiv.org), as soon as possible but **no later than 9 March 2006**.

In preparation for the brainstorming meeting, the CBD Secretariat has also launched an e-forum on the same topic. I am pleased to invite you to participate in the e-forum. Kindly contact Ms. Andreeanne Grimard by email: andreeanne.grimard@biodiv.org or by telephone: (514) 287-8706 to obtain your username and password.

You may wish to disseminate this Notification to whom you deem able to contribute to this very important discussion.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points and relevant organizations



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