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NOTIFICATION

African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP 4), 12 -16 May 2008, Bonn, Germany

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, with to the generous financial support of the Government of Germany and the African Union, the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the COP/MOP 4 will take place on 10-11 May 2008 at Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany. The meeting will be assisted by Mr. Worku Damena Yifru, Programme Officer, who may be reached by phone at: +1 (514) 287-7006 or by e-mail at: worku.yifru@cbd.int. You will find attached the draft provisional agenda for the meeting.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: Biosafety National Focal Points – African Regional Group



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**AFRICAN UNION PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (MOP 4)**

MAY 10-11, 2008

BONN, GERMANY

Draft Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - I. Welcome remarks by the Executive Secretary (to be confirmed)
 - II. Welcome remarks by a representative of the GTZ
 - III. Welcome remarks by the Director of the Department of HRST
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Organization of work
4. Briefing on the Progress of the AU Biosafety Project
5. Introduction on the Agenda items of the MOP 4
6. Feedback from the Friends of the Co-chairs Meeting
7. Discussions towards African common positions on items of the negotiations
8. Closure of the Meeting