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NOTIFICATION

Outcome of the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Dear Madam/Sir,

This is to kindly inform you that the report of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety ("the Working Group" hereinafter) is now made available as document UNEP/CBD/BS/WG-L&R/5/3 and can be accessed from the website of the Secretariat at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSWGLR-05>.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Working Group has requested, under paragraph 88 of its report, the Co-Chairs to convene a meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs in Bonn prior to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to further negotiate the rules and procedures on liability and redress on the basis of annexes I and II of its report.

The Working Group has agreed on the composition of the Friends of the Co-Chairs to be as follows: six representatives each of the Africa region (Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Liberia, Senegal, and Zambia), Asia-Pacific region (Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia, Palau and the Philippines) and the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC); two representatives each of the European Union (EU) and Central and Eastern Europe (CEE); and one representative each of New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and Japan.

The Working Group has also requested the Secretariat to provide the necessary support to the Friends of the Co-Chairs meeting. Accordingly, the Secretariat is pleased to inform you that arrangements necessary for this informal group meeting have been made with the German authorities and it will take place from 7 to 9 May 2008 in Bonn, in Room 0.133 at the German Ministry of Transport. Please also note that regional group representatives are expected to have preparatory/consultation meetings on 6 May.

In that regard, the Secretariat would appreciate it if those countries identified to be in the Friends of the Co-Chairs group from the Africa and Asia-Pacific regions inform us of their representatives, and those regions where countries have not yet been identified, i.e. six countries from the GRULAC, and two from the CEE region, to identify the countries as well as their respective representatives, through their regional coordinators, as soon as possible, **but no later than 20 April 2008**, so as to enable us to coordinate logistics and other support, where available and appropriate.

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

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