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## NOTIFICATION

### Invitation for Nominations to the Roster of Biosafety Experts

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), in Decision BS-IV/4<sup>1</sup>, adopted a number of measures to further strengthen the Roster of Biosafety Experts. These included criteria and minimum requirements for experts to be nominated to the roster, updated guidelines for the roster, as well as a revised nomination form.

In paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned decision, Parties and other Governments were requested to make fresh nominations in accordance with the new criteria and minimum requirements and using the revised nomination form. Also, in paragraph 4, the Executive Secretary was requested to remove all existing records in the roster within three months and refill the roster with experts who are nominated or re-nominated by Parties and Governments.

You are therefore kindly invited to make nominations to the Roster of Experts in accordance with the updated guidelines. It is recommended that these nominations be submitted directly online through the Management Centre of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) at <http://bch.cbd.int/permalink/biosafetyExpert/register>. The information will be published in the BCH only after its completeness and conformity to the criteria adopted in Decision BS-IV/4 have been validated by the Secretariat.

Those Parties or Governments that have limited internet access may complete the MS Word common format for the Roster of Experts (available at <http://bch.cbd.int/resources/commonformats.shtml>) and submit it, duly signed, to the Secretariat.

You are kindly reminded that, in accordance with Decision BS-IV/4, the Secretariat will return nomination forms that are incomplete, inaccurate and/or do not meet all of the criteria and minimum requirements.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/cop-mop/result.aspx?id=11683>

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points

Cc: Biosafety Clearing-House National Focal Points



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