



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER

Nominations to the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

Further to my notification reference, SCBD/BS/MPDM/ABw/64638 dated 5 September 2008, I am pleased to inform you that the deadline for nomination of experts to the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management has been extended to **31 October 2008**.

It is noted that the participants for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management will be selected by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, from among those experts nominated by Parties on the basis of their expertise, participation in the online forum and taking into account geographic distribution and gender balance. A limited number of experts from among those nominated by non-Parties and organizations will take part in the AHTEG as observers.

Nominations by Parties and other Governments are to be submitted, preferably online, through the BCH at <http://bch.cbd.int/permalink/expertForum/riskAssessment/register>. In case of technical difficulties in submitting this information online, a common format for the nomination of an expert, which is also available for download at the internet address indicated above, may be completed and sent to the Secretariat¹.

For further information on the Forum, including a tentative calendar of events, please visit http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/forum_ra.shtml.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

¹ Nominations by Parties and other Governments that are not submitted electronically through the BCH are to (a) be duly completed and signed by the Cartagena Protocol National Focal Point, (b) make clear reference to the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, and (c) be sent to the Secretariat via email (bch@cbd.int), fax (+1-514-288-6588) or postal mail (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 413 rue Saint-Jacques, suite 800, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1N9, Canada)

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