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NOTIFICATION

First meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs concerning Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

As you may recall, the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol had decided (decision BS-IV/12) at its fourth meeting held in Bonn from 12 to 16 May 2008, to establish a Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs with a mandate to further negotiate international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Accordingly, the first meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs will be held from 23 to 27 February 2009 in Mexico City, Mexico. The Secretariat is pleased to inform you that identification and invitation of friends and advisors to the meeting has commenced in line with the composition of the Group specified in paragraphs 1 (e) and (f) of decision BS-IV/12 and in consultation with the Co-Chairs, Ms. Jimena Nieto and Mr. Rene Lefebvre, and appropriate representatives of each region. This is being carried out, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs, in a manner that ensures continuity, and smooth progress in the overall work of the Group.

In that spirit, we kindly invite the concerned Parties and/or regions to confirm to us their respective friends and advisors who will participate in the meeting of the Group.

The provisional agenda, annotations and other documents of the meeting are available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSGFLR-01>

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

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