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## NOTIFICATION

### Invitation of Applications for Support from the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts

Madam/Sir,

At its fourth meeting, which was held in Bonn from 12 to 16 May 2008, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety decided to revitalize the pilot phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts and invited developed country Parties and other donors to make contributions to the Fund.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Spain has made limited contribution to the Voluntary Fund to support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to pay for the use of experts selected from the roster.

Accordingly, I have the pleasure to invite eligible Parties that require support to use experts from the roster to submit their funding request to the Secretariat in accordance with the Interim Guidelines for the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety, contained in annex II to decision BS-I/4 (accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/decision/mop/?id=8286>). Applicants are reminded to use the funding request form contained in appendix A to the Interim Guidelines and to take note of the eligibility criteria specified in section D of the guidelines.

The Secretariat will process the funding requests and disburse the funds available in the Voluntary Fund on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

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