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NOTIFICATION

Nomination of Experts for the Pacific Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms Nadi, Fiji, 5-7 July 2010

Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 12 of its decision BS-IV/11, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) requested the Executive Secretary to convene a workshop on capacity-building and exchange of experiences on risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms in the Pacific sub-region.

Following the offer by the Government of Fiji to host this workshop, I am pleased to inform you that it will be held in Nadi, Fiji, from 7 to 9 July 2010. The workshop will, *inter alia*, enable participants to:

- (a) Learn about risk assessment in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and review the general concepts, principles and methodologies;
- (b) Understand the framework in which the risk assessment is conducted, the mandate of a risk assessor, and how to establish an interdisciplinary teamwork in the context of risk assessment;
- (c) Review the format and key elements of risk assessment reports/dossiers and risk assessment summaries; and
- (d) Develop skills in using and interpreting existing information, as well as identifying and addressing information gaps.

Accordingly, you are hereby invited to nominate one expert from your country or organization who is, or is expected to be, actively involved in risk assessment of living modified organisms to participate in the workshop. The nomination is to be accompanied by a *curriculum vitae* indicating the scientific activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to environmental risk assessment, as well as a description of how the nominee will be able to apply the knowledge acquired during the workshop in future activities.

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Relevant organizations

Participants will be selected from among the nominees by Parties and other Governments based on their scientific background. In addition, a limited number of observers will be selected from among the nominees by relevant organizations. Financial support will be available to one participant each from developing country Parties and Parties with economy in transition.

It would be appreciated if nominations could reach the Secretariat as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, 21 May 2010**, in order to enable us to finalise arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner. Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English only.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary