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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to prepare for an election at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to replace the out-going members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that the term of some of the members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety is due to expire on 31 December 2010.

The Members of the Committee whose terms will end at the end of the year are:

1. Mr. Bather Kone - from the Africa region, already served two terms;
2. Mr. Victor Villalobos Arámbula - from Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, already served two terms and recently submitted letter of resignation;
3. Mrs. Clare Hamilton – from Western Europe and Others Group, finishing the remainder term of a former member she replaced since the beginning of 2009;
4. Mr. Sergiy Gubar - from Central and Eastern Europe, already served two terms; and
5. Mr. Paul Damien Roughan – from Asia-Pacific, finishing first term but did not to attend all the meetings of the Committee held in the past four years, except one.

It is, therefore, my pleasure to invite you to consult within your region and to come to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in Nagoya, Japan, prepared to make nominations of suitable candidates and to elect one member from each UN region who would replace the outgoing members mentioned above and serve on the Compliance Committee for the next four years. The list of existing members of the Committee is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/bs-compliance.pdf>.

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

To : National Focal Points to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB NFPs have not yet been designated)