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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER

**Expert Meeting on the Modalities of Operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House,
11-14 April 2011, Montreal, Canada**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification (2011-009) sent on 18 January 2011, available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2011/ntf-2011-009-abs-chm-en.pdf> regarding the designation of experts for the Expert Meeting on the modalities of operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House to be held from 11-14 April 2011 in Montreal, Canada.

In this regard, I wish to remind Parties, international organizations and agreements, industry, research institutions and/or academia, botanical gardens and other *ex situ* collection holders, non-governmental organizations and indigenous and local communities that the **deadline to nominate experts for the meeting is Friday, 18 February 2011.**

Nominated experts should have knowledge in the fields of access and benefit-sharing, and practical experience with regard to information-sharing and knowledge management systems and the establishment of clearing-houses. **The *curriculum vitae* of the nominated experts/observers should be included with the nominations submitted to the Secretariat.**

Nominations should be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, International organizations, indigenous and local community organizations and relevant stakeholders