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NOTIFICATION

Invitation for nominations to the Central and Eastern European Regional Workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 16 - 17 June 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing a regional workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress for Central and Eastern Europe, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The workshop will be held at the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from **16 to 17 June 2011**.

The main purpose of the workshop is to introduce the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and to identify needs and requirements by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with a view to expedite its early entry into force and implementation. The workshop is also intended to provide an opportunity for participants to consider issues related to the implementation of other decisions of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in particular, decision BS-V/14, on preparation of second national reports on the implementation of obligations under the Biosafety Protocol, decision BS-V/15 on assessment and review and decision BS-V/16 on the strategic plan.

Accordingly, we kindly invite Parties from the Central and Eastern European region, as well as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, to nominate one representative to participate in the workshop. In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner, we request to send us your **nominations as soon as possible but no later than 2 June 2011**.

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points
for Central and Eastern European Countries and
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

The Secretariat will cover the cost of participation of ONE official nominee from each Party. This includes an economy class ticket to travel to and from Ljubljana and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop.

The nomination must be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat. The letter may be sent by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int.

The working language of the workshop will be English. Further details on the workshop will be made available on the Secretariat's website (www.cbd.int) in due course.

I would like to thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support of the work of the Protocol.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary