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RE M I N D E R

Nomination of Experts to the Caribbean Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms, Belize City, Belize, 26-30 September 2011

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to the earlier notification (2011-129) sent on 8 July 2011 regarding the nomination of experts to the Caribbean Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs), Belize City, Belize, 26-30 September 2011.

In decisions BS-IV/11 and BS-V/12, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) requested the Executive Secretary to convene regional or sub-regional training courses to enable countries to gain hands-on experience in preparing and evaluating risk assessment reports in accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

In this regard, Parties and other Governments of the Caribbean region were invited to nominate, no later than Friday, 5 August 2011, experts who are actively involved in risk assessment of LMOs to take part in the training course for the Caribbean region to be held in Belize City, Belize from 26 to 30 September 2011. It is noted your nomination is yet to be received by the Secretariat.

Further, since a significant number of participants is crucial for the cost effectiveness of the training course, the deadline for the nominations of experts is extended to **Wednesday, 31 August 2011**. The training course may have to be cancelled, if a suitable number of experts nominated by Parties is not attained.

Each nomination is to be accompanied by a curriculum vitae indicating the scientific activities relevant to the risk assessment of LMOs in which the nominee has been involved. Financial support will be available to one participant each from developing country Parties and Parties with economy in transition. Please note that the training course will be conducted in English only.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: Caribbean Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points