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NOTIFICATION

Invitation for nominations to the Asia and Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, New Delhi, India, 17 - 18 November 2011

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 the Asia and Pacific region. The workshop will be held in New Delhi, India from 17 to 18 November 2011.

The main purpose of the workshop is to raise awareness and understanding about 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 the early entry into force and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol. 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 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, in particular decisions BS-V/14 and BS-V/16, on the second national report and the strategic plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, respectively.

Accordingly, we kindly invite Parties from the Asia-Pacific region, 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 **nomination as soon as possible but no later than 14 October 2011**.

The Secretariat will cover the cost of participation of **one** official nominee from each Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. This includes an economy class ticket to travel to and from New Delhi and daily subsistence allowance 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. Please note that this workshop is planned to be convened back-to-back with another workshop organized by the Secretariat, namely “Workshop

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on Capacity-building for research and information exchange on socio-economic impacts of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”.

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.

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Executive Secretary