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NOTIFICATION

Invitation for nominations to an inter-regional workshop on capacity building needs for the implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress Riga, Latvia, 9-11 May 2012

Dear Madam/Sir,

Last year, the Secretariat organized four regional workshops to raise awareness and understanding of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and thereby expedite its signature and early entry into force. By 6 March 2012, the closing date for signature, the Supplementary Protocol had been signed by 51 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and ratified by two.

Among other things, the participants in the regional workshops highlighted the important need for building capacities and exchanging experiences relevant to the domestic implementation of the Supplementary Protocol. Furthermore, in their decision adopting the Supplementary Protocol, the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety also called for cooperation in complementary capacity building measures relating to the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol (section C, decision BS-V/11).

As a follow up to the regional workshops and in the context of decision BS-V/11, the Secretariat is organizing an inter-regional workshop on capacity building needs for the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol. With the generous financial support from the Government of Japan and the offer to host it by the Government of Latvia, the first country to deposit its instrument of ratification, the workshop is scheduled to take place from 9 to 11 May 2012 in Riga, Latvia.

I am, therefore, pleased to invite Parties to nominate one participant to the workshop. The number of participants may be limited due to the available financial resources and the capacity of the venue. Nominations will therefore be considered on a first-come basis and priority will be given to nominees from Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that have signed or ratified the Supplementary Protocol, taking also into account regional balance.

In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the meeting in a timely manner, we kindly request you to submit your **nominations as soon as possible but no later than 20 April 2012**.

Nominations must be submitted, as always, 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.

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)

The Secretariat will cover the cost of participation of **ONE** official nominee from each eligible Party to be invited to the workshop on the basis of the above-mentioned criteria. This includes an economy class ticket to travel to and from Riga and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop.

Please note that 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 for the work under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary