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NOTIFICATION

Selected experts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Vienna, Austria, 14 – 16 May 2012

Madam/Sir,

In its decision BS-V/15 on assessment and review (Article 35 of the Protocol), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), set up a process for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol. Among others, the COP-MOP established a regionally balanced ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG), subject to the availability of funds, to: (i) review the analysis of the information gathered from second national reports of Parties; the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH); information that might be made available through the Compliance Committee in relation to its functions to review general issues of compliance; the capacity-building coordination mechanism; and other relevant processes and organizations and (ii) submit its recommendations to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties for its consideration.

In Notification number 2012-051 of 4 April 2012, the Secretariat invited Parties, Governments and international organizations to nominate experts for selection to the AHTEG. I am pleased to announce the membership of the ad hoc technical expert group on the second assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (see attached list). The selection, with the approval of the COPMOP Bureau, is based on the expertise of nominees and the need for a regionally balanced representation.

With the generous financial support from the Government of Japan and the kind offer of Government of Austria to host the meeting, the meeting of the expert group will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 14 to 16 May 2012.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

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

**SELECTED EXPERTS FOR THE
AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON THE SECOND ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF
THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
Vienna, Austria, 14 – 16 May 2012**

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| 1. | Antigua and Barbuda: | Janil Gore-Francis |
| 2. | Ecuador: | María de Lourdes Torres |
| 3. | Mexico: | Reynaldo Ariel Álvarez-Morales |

Africa

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| 4. | Burkina Faso: | Chantal Yvette ZOUNGRANA KABORE |
| 5. | Liberia: | Johansen Volker |
| 6. | Uganda: | David L.N. Hafashimana |

Asia and Pacific

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| 7. | Fiji: | Rahul Chand |
| 8. | India: | Ranjini Warriar, |
| 9. | Malaysia: | Letchumanan A/L. Ramatha |

CEE

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| 10. | Belarus: | Elena Makeyeva |
| 11. | Georgia | Teona Karchava |
| 12. | Slovenia: | Martin Batic |

WEOG

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| 13. | Denmark: | Maria Quaade Eriksen |
| 14. | Japan: | Hiroshi Yoshikura |
| 15. | Norway: | Casper Linnestad |
| 16. | Chair, AHTEG Risk Assessment, | Helmut Gaugitsch, Austria |
| 17. | Chair, Compliance Committee, | Jürg Bally, Switzerland |

Observers:

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| 18. | UNEP: | Alex Owusu-Biney, Biosafety Capacity
Building activities, |
| 19. | Industry: | Sarah Lukie, |
| 20. | Third World Network: | Lim Li Ching |
| 21. | Africa Union: | Bather Kone |
| 22. | United States, Non Party: | Fan-Li Chou |
| 23. | Public Research and Regulation Initiative: | Piet van der Meer |
| 24. | Desarrollo Medio Ambiental Sustentable: | Antonietta Gutiérrez-Rosati |