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NOTIFICATION

Invitation of nominations for the Caribbean subregional workshop on capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 25 February to 1 March 2013, St. George's, Grenada

Madam/Sir,

In its various decisions, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) has underscored the urgent need to assist developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, to build their capacity for the effective implementation of the Protocol.

At its fifth meeting, the COP-MOP also adopted the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and encouraged Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to ratify or accede to it as soon as possible and to implement it pending entry into force.

I am pleased to announce that, with funding support from the Government of Japan, the Secretariat will conduct the Caribbean subregional workshop on capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety from 25 February to 1 March 2013 in St. George's, Grenada. The last part of the workshop will also consider the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

The first part of the workshop will update participants on the recent developments under the Protocol, including the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020, the new capacity-building framework and action plan and other key decisions underpinning capacity-building efforts for the implementation of the Protocol. Participants will also review the status of implementation of the Protocol in the Caribbean subregion, share experiences and lessons learned in the development and implementation of national biosafety frameworks, and identify national and subregional capacity-building needs and priorities and discuss ways to enhance subregional cooperation to address those needs.

The second part of the workshop aims to enhance the participants' understanding of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and to enable them to explore possible opportunities and challenges relating to its ratification and implementation.

The programme and documentation for the workshop will be available on the Biosafety Protocol website (<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol>) in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English only.

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points in the Caribbean subregion



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I, therefore, have the pleasure to invite Parties and other Governments in the Caribbean subregion to nominate two participants: one participant with expertise or responsibilities related to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and another participant who has a legal or policy background and who is involved in legislative processes at the national level, to take part in the workshop. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner, kindly submit the nominations as soon as possible but **no later than 18 January 2013**. Nominations must come in the form of an official letter signed by the focal point or a senior government official addressed to the Executive Secretary, the letter can either be sent by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email to: secretariat@cbd.int.

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

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