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NOTIFICATION

Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7) 29 September to 3 October 2014 – Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7) will be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 29 September to 3 October 2014, back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will be held from 6 to 17 October 2014.

The provisional agenda of the meeting, as approved by the COP-MOP Bureau, is attached. The annotated agenda will be made available six months prior to the meeting. Other pre-session documentation will be made available as soon as practicable and, in any case, no later than six weeks prior to the meeting. The pre-session documents and information for participants will be accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MOP-07>. Additional information on the organization of the meeting will be made available in due course.

I would be grateful if your Government could submit to the Secretariat the names of the representatives of your delegation to COP-MOP 7, including the names of the alternate representative(s) and advisor(s), as soon as possible but no later than **15 September 2014**.

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, credentials must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting to confirm that delegates have been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent their country at the meeting. The credentials must be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, except in the case of regional economic integration organization, in which case it should be signed by the competent authority of that organization. You will find attached herewith, for your convenience, a sample format of appropriate credentials.

Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in Convention process established by Decision III/24, and in accordance with the interim policy adopted by the Bureau in this regard, the Secretariat expects to be in a position to finance the participation of one representative from eligible countries for both meetings. Eligible Parties to the Convention wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the name

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Focal Points
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and contact information of the designated representative to receive financial support as soon as possible but no later than **30 May 2014**. Please note that the Secretariat will be unable to respond positively to requests for financial support after this deadline.

In view of budget constraints and in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meeting, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored delegates. This imposes restrictions with respect to changes of passenger name, travel date and itinerary. In this regard, it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate name changes after 1 August 2014.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR CREDENTIALS FOR THE
SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS
THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON
BIOSAFETY (COP-MOP 7)

CREDENTIALS

I, the undersigned [*Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs*], hereby make known that the following delegation has been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent [*Country*] at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea from the twenty-ninth of September to the third of October in the year two thousand and fourteen.

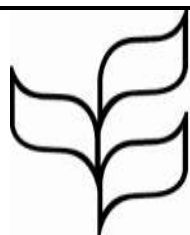
Head of Delegation [*Name of Head of Delegation*]

Alternate Head of Delegation [*Name of Alternate Head of Delegation*]

Representative(s) [*Name of Representative(s)*]

DONE in [*City*] on the [*Day*] of [*Month*] in the [*Year*]

Seal and Signature

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**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

Seventh meeting

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 29 September-3 October 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organization of the meeting:
 - 2.1 Officers;
 - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

II. REPORTS

4. Report of the Compliance Committee.
5. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House.
6. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources.
7. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives.
8. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Protocol and on budgetary matters.

III. SPECIAL SESSION ON IMPLEMENTATION

9. Exchange of experiences and challenges in the implementation of the Protocol, focusing on the integration of biosafety into national development plans and programmes.

IV. SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

10. Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms (Article 18).
11. Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.

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12. Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16).
13. Socio-economic considerations (Article 26).
14. Monitoring and reporting (Article 33).
15. Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 35).
16. Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17).
17. Contained use of living modified organisms.

V. FINAL MATTERS

18. Other matters.
19. Date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
20. Adoption of the report.
21. Closure of the meeting.
