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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations**  
**(Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)**

Madam/Sir,

Further to Notification 2017-039<sup>1</sup>, issued on 1 May 2017, nominations were received with a view to replacing those experts that were no longer available to serve on the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations (AHTEG). The selection of new members has now been concluded in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, taking into account their relevant field of expertise with due regard to geographical representation and gender balance.

I am, therefore, pleased to announce the composition of the AHTEG attached herewith.

With the generous financial support of the Governments of the Netherlands, Finland and France, and the kind offer to host by the Government of Slovenia, a meeting of the AHTEG will be convened in Ljubljana from 9 to 13 October 2017. Further information and documents for the meeting will be made available on: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CPSEC-AHTEG-2017-01>.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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<sup>1</sup> Notification 2017-039 is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-039-bs-en.pdf?download>

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities



*Annex*

**COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS**

***PARTIES***

<b>REGION</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
<b>Africa</b>	Mauritania	Mr. Ossama Abdelkawy
	Morocco	Mr. Noredine Benkerroum
	Niger	Mr. Mahaman Gado Zaki
	Nigeria	Mr. Abisabo Adamu
	South Africa	Mr. Ben David Durham
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	China	Mr. Jintao Zhan
	India	Ms. Ranjini Warriar
	Philippines	Mr. Leonardo Gonzales
	Republic of Korea	Mr. Hong-Tak Lim
	Thailand	Ms. Praopan Tongsom
<b>CEE</b>	Belarus	Ms. Galina Mozgova
	Hungary	Ms. Rita Andorkó
	Lithuania	Ms. Daiva Skuciene
	Republic of Moldova	Ms. Angela Lozan
	Slovenia	Mr. Martin Batic
<b>WEOG</b>	Austria	Mr. Andreas Heissenberger
	European Union	Mr. Pablo Pindado
	France	Mr. Martin Remondet
	Germany	Ms. Nicola Consmüller
	Norway	Mr. Casper Linnestad
<b>GRULAC</b>	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Ms. Georgina Catacora-Vargas
	Brazil	Ms. Fernanda Antinolfi Lovato
	Dominican Republic	Mr. Genaro Reynoso
	Honduras	Mr. Carlos Almendares
	Mexico	Ms. Nathalie Beatriz Campos Reales Pineda

***OTHER GOVERNMENTS***

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
Canada	Ms. Catherine Walter

***ORGANIZATIONS***

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
GenØk - Centre for Biosafety	Dr. Rosa Binimelis
Global Industry Coalition	Dr. Eric Sachs
Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento	Prof. Walter Pengue
Third World Network	Ms. Li Ching Lim

***INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES***

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)	Ms. June Batang-ay