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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to prepare for elections to replace outgoing members of the Compliance Committees under the Protocols at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP 9) and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 3)

Dear Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that the term of five members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety as well as ten members and two observers from indigenous peoples and local communities of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing will end on 31 December 2018 as follows:

		Members whose terms are ending	
		Cartagena Protocol	Nagoya Protocol
REGION	Africa	Martha Kandawa	Ayman Amin Naritiana Rakotoniaina
	Asia-Pacific	Seung-Hwan Choi	Luther Rangreji Clark Peteru
	CEE	Martin Batic	Elena Makeyeva Elvana Ramaj
	GRULAC	Sol Ortiz García	Norma Munguia Aldaraca Andres Valladolid Cavero
	WEOG	Clare Hamilton	Kaspar Sollberger Helge Elizabeth Zeitler
Indigenous peoples and local communities		not applicable	Preston Hardison Onel Arias

It is, therefore, my pleasure to invite regional groups to consult among themselves and to come to the Cartagena Protocol COP-MOP 9 and the Nagoya Protocol COP-MOP 3 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, prepared to make nominations of suitable candidates for election to serve on the respective Compliance Committees for the next four years. Indigenous peoples and local communities are also invited to make nominations of suitable candidates for election to serve as observers to the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol.

I kindly remind you that members and observers serve in the Compliance Committees in their personal capacity. In accordance with the respective procedures and mechanisms on compliance, nominees should have recognized competence as follows:

- a. Members of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol “shall have recognized competence in the field of biosafety or other relevant fields, including legal or technical expertise”;

To: National Focal Points to the Cartagena and the Nagoya Protocols CBD National Focal Points (where CPB and ABS NFPs have not yet been designated)



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- b. Members of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol as well as the representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities “shall have recognized competence, including technical, legal or scientific expertise in the fields covered by the Protocol, such as genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources”.

The names and curriculum vitae of nominees should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible following the opening of the meetings.

The lists of existing members of the Compliance Committees are available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/bs-compliance.pdf> and <https://www.cbd.int/doc/lists/np-compliance.pdf>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Protocols to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

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