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NOTIFICATION

Nomination of experts to participate in the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision CP-9/14, the COP-MOP took note of the “Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety” (voluntary Guidance), as contained in the annex of CBD/CP/MOP/9/10. The COP-MOP also extended the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations (AHTEG)¹ to supplement the voluntary Guidance on the basis of information provided through submissions and moderated online discussions (see notification 2019-031, 6 March 2019). The AHTEG is also to prepare a report on its work for consideration by the COP-MOP at its tenth meeting.

Following consultations, the Secretariat determined that a number of experts were no longer available to serve on the AHTEG. Accordingly, I am pleased to invite nominations of experts to the AHTEG by Parties from all regions, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities. New members will be selected in consultation with the COP-MOP Bureau and the revised membership of the AHTEG will be communicated in due course.

The meeting of the AHTEG will take place from 10 to 13 December 2019 in Vienna, Austria. Selected experts from eligible Parties will receive financial assistance to cover their travel and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting. The meeting will be conducted in English.

In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements in time, national focal points, heads of organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities are kindly requested to submit nominations of experts competent in the field of socio-economic considerations as soon as possible but **no later than 6 September 2019**. Nominations must be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the relevant expertise of the nominee. The nomination may be sent by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by e-mail as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int. In line with decision [14/33](#), nominees are also required to complete the interest disclosure form.²

I would like to thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support for the work under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary

¹ The AHTEG was established in decision BS-VI/13.

² Available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/forms/conflict-interest-form-en.pdf>

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