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NOTIFICATION

Nominations for the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Co-Chair of the Committee

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification 2010-224 sent on 21 December 2011 regarding the nomination of members for the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol.

In this regard, Parties are kindly reminded to consult within their region with a view to nominate two representatives from each of the UN regions to serve on the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee. Please note that the two Co-Chairs will be additional to the ten representatives that are elected on a regional basis.

Parties are requested to send the nominations to the Secretariat no later than **1 May 2011** so that the COP President is able to conclude consultations on this matter before the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee scheduled for 6-10 June 2011.

In addition, please note that I have been informed through a communication from the Government of Canada that Mr. Timothy Hodges is no longer in a position to assume the important role of Co-Chair of the intergovernmental process. The Bureau has been informed accordingly and the representatives of the Western Europe and Other Groups (WEOG) in the COP 10 Bureau have been invited to inform the Secretariat of their recommended candidate at their earliest convenience and no later than 1 June 2011.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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