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Dear Ms. Bjurstrom,

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2006 concerning the initiative of the Parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) to consult with international forums to learn from their experiences on access to information and participation in environmental matters, and for your invitation to the CBD Secretariat to take part in this consultation.

In this connection, I am pleased to inform you that I have transmitted the invitation to the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol and that this information has been posted on the Secretariat's website. Furthermore, we will be pleased to send our response to the questionnaire to the Secretary of the Aarhus Convention before the deadline of 17 September 2006. I trust that this will provide a significant contribution to your consultative process.

With regard to the proposed international workshop, unfortunately our busy agenda of meetings and work programmes will make it extremely difficult for the CBD Secretariat to participate in such an event.

I thank you for giving us the opportunity to contribute to this important initiative and you the best of success.

Yours sincerely,


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