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Subject: Invitation to the second meeting of the Working Group Invasive Alien Species

Dear Member of the Working Group Invasive Alien Species,

I hereby invite you to the second meeting of the working group that will take place

on 6 September 2016
9:00-18:30
Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Auderghem, Brussels BELGIUM
Room BU-5 0/C
(closest metro station: Beaulieu)

The working language for documents and meetings will be English.

You are kindly requested to print and bring with you this letter as well as all related documents, which will be distributed at a later stage.

During the meeting, the working group will split up in three parallel working sessions on:

- Management of pathways of introduction and spread of IAS of Union concern
- Surveillance of IAS of Union concern
- Management of IAS of Union concern.

The objective is to initiate the work towards a report by the WGIAS that will facilitate the application of the IAS Regulation 1143/2014 in relation to the abovementioned topics. We will provide you a scoping document in due time, to allow you to prepare for the meeting.

Please inform us of the working session to which you intend to participate by e-mail to ENV-IAS@ec.europa.eu **by 16 August 2016**.

Security procedures for access to the building require a list of all those attending the meeting. For this purpose, please confirm your attendance by e-mail to ENV-IAS@ec.europa.eu mentioning your name, nationality, date of birth, and your ID/passport number **by 31 August 2016 at the latest**.

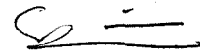
Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by the participants **will not be reimbursed** by the Commission. Participants shall not receive remuneration for their duties.

All relevant documents (such as agendas, minutes and participants' submissions) will be made available in the Register of Commission Expert Groups¹. Exceptions to systematic publication are justified where disclosure of a document would undermine the protection of a public or private interest as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) N° 1049/2001.

Should you have any questions or requests for additional clarification, please contact us by e-mail to ENV-IAS@ec.europa.eu.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward having a fruitful meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Leiner
Head of Unit

Enclosures:

1. Draft agenda of the meeting on 6 September 2016
2. Privacy Statement

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm>