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Dear IPBES Member States,

The third session of the Plenary of IPBES which took place recently (12-17 January 2015, Bonn, Germany) adopted a conflict of interest policy and implementation procedures (Please see [here](#)).

This policy states that a Committee on Conflicts of Interest will be established to review conflicts of interest forms of all Bureau and MEP members, prior to their appointment; of task force and expert group members, report co-chairs, coordinating lead authors, lead authors, review editors and technical support units, after their appointment; and to determine cases referred to it by the Bureau of the Platform.

The Committee on Conflicts of Interest will comprise three elected members from the Bureau, including one of the Bureau vice-chairs as chair, **and five members, one per United Nations region**, selected by the Bureau following a call for nominees from member countries of the Platform, together with one additional member with appropriate legal expertise from, and appointed by, the organization hosting the secretariat.

The object of this letter is to ask you to consider making a nomination for one of the five members of the Committee from the five UN regions.

Members should have experience and seniority comparable, if possible, to Bureau members. The work load between March and early May 2015 will be significant, with every committee member expected to spend an average of 15 to 20 hours of their time reviewing conflict of interest disclosure forms and engaging with other committee members. The work is to be performed remotely and will not involve any traveling.

All nominations should be made by filling out the on-line questionnaire posted [here](#), by **26 February 2015**. All nominations will be automatically acknowledged by email. Questions regarding this process can be sent to secretariat@ipbes.net.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary