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Dear IPBES Member and Observer States from Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean,

Further to my letters to representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean ([EM/2016/47](#)), Africa ([EM/2016/48](#)), and Eastern Europe ([EM/2016/49](#)) calling for nominations to replace four Multidisciplinary Expert Panel members that have resigned from three regions (two from Eastern Europe, one from Africa, and one from Latin America and the Caribbean), and in light of the very limited amount of nominations received (3 for Africa, 2 for Eastern Europe and none for Latin America), I would like to invite you to submit your nominations by **31 January 2017**, for consideration by the 5th session of the Plenary. Nominations should be made by filling out the on line form and upload curricula vitae at this address:

<http://www.ipbes.net/eform/submit/nomination-form>

The alternate will serve until the end of the mandate of the member being replaced, that is until the end of the 6th session of the Plenary.

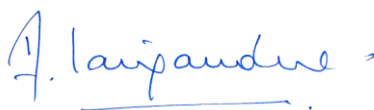
I would also like to draw your attention to:

- a) the importance of a strong scientific expertise of the nominees in biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- b) the necessity to pay attention to a good balance between social and natural sciences on the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, as well as to gender equity; and
- c) the necessity for members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to commit 20% of their time, which translates to roughly 10 weeks a year, with significant international travel.

All nominations received will be made available on-line: <http://www.ipbes.net/nominations/mep-2016>

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary