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Dear IPBES Member and Observer States from the Latin American and Caribbean region,

I would like to inform you that one of the members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from the Latin American and Caribbean region, Prof. Sandra Diaz from Argentina, resigned from the MEP in 2016. This is due to the fact that Prof. Diaz accepted to serve as co-chair of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The attached guidance provides information on the process to follow to nominate and select an alternate to a MEP member having resigned or otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office.

I would therefore like to invite you to submit your nomination for an alternate to the secretariat by 2 December 2016, for consideration by the 5th session of the Plenary. Nominations should be made by filling out the on line form and upload curriculum 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 6th session of the Plenary.

I would also like to draw your attention to:

- a) the importance of a strong scientific expertise in biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- b) the necessity to pay attention to a good balance between social and natural sciences on the MEP, as well as to gender equity; and
- c) the necessity for MEP members 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.

The Latin American and Caribbean region will be invited to inform the Plenary, at its 5th session, about its provisional candidate, selected from the pool of nominations received, for consideration by the Plenary.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'A. Larigauderie'.

Anne Larigauderie
Executive Secretary