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Dear IPBES Member and Observer States of the Eastern European region,

I would like to inform you that a second member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from the Eastern European region, Mr. György Pataki from Hungary, resigned from the MEP on 28 October 2016.

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 nominations 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:

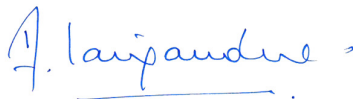
- a) the importance of a strong scientific expertise in biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- b) the necessity to pay attention to a good balance between social and natural sciences on the MEP, as well as to gender equity; and
- c) the necessity for MEP members to commit 20% of their time, which translates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

All nominations received will be made available on-line.

The Eastern European region will be invited to inform the Plenary, at its 5th session, about their two provisional candidates, selected from the pool of nominations received, for the two vacant positions for Eastern Europe.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary