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Dear Colleagues,

**ARF WORKSHOP ON BIORISK MANAGEMENT, 28-30 SEPTEMBER 2010,
DUSIT THANI HOTEL, MAKATI CITY**

Pursuant to the decision of the 17th ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting in Ha Noi on 23 July 2010, the Philippines, on behalf of our co-Chairs, Australia and the United States, would like to invite ARF participants to the ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Biorisk Management on 28-30 September 2010 in Manila.

The Workshop will focus on in-depth risk assessment, risk management and case studies for experts. It will also build on the ARF Workshop on Biological Threat Reduction held in Manila on 10-11 June 2009, which discussed the basic concepts of biosecurity and biosafety in preventing bioterrorism.

In this regard, ARF participants may send up to three representatives at the working level from agencies responsible for ensuring safety and security at bioscience facilities, for responding to laboratory biosafety and biosecurity threats domestically or abroad, and for biological threat reduction activities as appropriate.

In particular, appropriate representation from the Ministries of Health and Agriculture would add significant value to the technical deliberations.

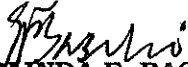
The organizers of the workshop can fund the participation of qualified delegates. Request for sponsorship can be coursed through **Ms. Sol V. Ogatis** of the US Embassy in Manila via email ogatismv@state.gov on or before **15 August 2010**.

Attached for your further reference are the following meeting materials:

1. Workshop Concept Paper
2. Provisional Agenda
3. Administrative Arrangements
4. Registration Form

I look forward to the participation of your delegation.

Sincerely yours,


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