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THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IFOAM EU REGIONAL GROUP

I am writing to give you notice of the Third General Assembly of the IFOAM EU Regional Group which is being held on Wednesday 15th February 2006 in Nuremberg, Germany.

Since the second General Assembly in February 2003, the IFOAM EU Group has made great strides forward. We have established an office in Brussels, led by an active and competent Coordinator. This has given our work a necessary and welcome platform for lobbywork, information exchange etc. The IFOAM EU Group is now recognized and respected in Brussels and our impact is growing. For example we now have the presidency of the Commission's Advisory Group on Organic Farming.

The IFOAM EU Group Board urges you as IFOAM members to participate fully in this democratic process. It gives you the power to direct the Group's work and ensure it does genuinely represent you.

MOTIONS TO THE IFOAM EU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

IFOAM members with voting rights may put motions to the EU General Assembly. If you wish to do this, please make sure you send it to the Coordinator Marco Schlüter no later than 15th December 2005 (e-mail: info@ifoam-eu.org). We will send out the proposal for changes in the Statutes in December and the final agenda, together all motions and other relevant papers will be sent out in early January 2006.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES

The IFOAM EU Regional Group is managed by a board of national representatives (and substitutes) who are elected by national assemblies of IFOAM members in each member state. Our statutes state that these national assemblies must be held at least every three years and prior to the EU General Assembly. If this has not already happened, your board member and substitute are responsible for organising the national assembly. They will use procedures that are agreed between you.



Below, we suggest an agenda for these national assemblies for your reference:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSED AGENDA

1. *Appointment of chair, minute taker and referee.*
2. *Approval of the agenda.*
3. *Approval of the voting and other procedures for the Assembly.*
4. *Report on activities 2003 – 2005.*
5. *Election of the national IFOAM EU Regional Group board member and substitute.*
6. *Procedures for support, communication and funding for the board member.*
7. *Proposals for the nature and scope of the EU Regional Group's future activities.*
8. *Any other business.*

Thank you for participating - we look forward to seeing you at the General Assembly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Blake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Francis Blake
President