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Mr. Ibrahim Ciftci
General Director of OGM
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Dear Mr. Ciftci,

On behalf of Jouzour Loubnan (JL) and the Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (LRI) we are pleased to confirm the participation of six individuals to visit the Egirdir nursery. The aim of the technical visit is to enable Lebanese nursery managers and staff of JL and LRI to share experience of their Turkish colleagues in the germination of Juniperus. As you know, Jouzour Loubnan is a Lebanese nongovernmental organization dedicated to reforestation of native tree species. The Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (LRI) is a four-year project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the United States Forest Service (USFS).

As previously discussed with you, we would like to arrange a visit of approximately four days from Monday-Thursday, July 22-25. The principal interest for the visit is to observe the nursery operations and techniques related to Juniperus seed preparation and treatment and to enable the participants to practice those techniques.

The six individuals who wish to participate in the nursery visit include:

Mr. Farouk Salman, Association for Forests, Development and Conservation
Mr. Elie Barakat, Friends of the Cedar Forest Nursery, Bcharre
Ms. Joelle Saab, Jouzour Loubnan
Ms. Karma Bouazza, LRI
Mr. Raymond Farhat, LRI
Mr. Chris Soriano, LRI/USFS

The participants will travel from Istanbul to Antalya or Isparta on Sunday, July 21. All costs associated with the visit, including airfare, lodging, local transportation, and meals and incidental expenses will be covered by the US Forest Service.



Thank you for your generous assistance and for the collegiality of you and your colleagues to share your experience.

Kind regards,

Raoul Nehme
President, Jouzour Loubnan



Joyce Bejjani
Acting Project Director, LRI

