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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir

Re: Invitation to Participate in the Biosafety Capacity-Building Network

At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety established a Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol. It includes the Biosafety Capacity-Building Network, among other elements. The primary objective of the Network is to facilitate interaction and the sharing of knowledge, views, experiences and lessons learned among participating members. The Network is open to all individuals from Government agencies and relevant organizations that are implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities.

I am pleased to announce that an interactive collaborative portal for members of the Biosafety Capacity-Building Network is now available through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). We are inviting all Governments and organizations active in biosafety issues to become members of Network in order to access and use the collaborative portal.

The membership registration form as well as further information about the Network can be found at <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/issues/info-sharing.aspx>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an e-mail to: bch@biodiv.org or contact Erie Tamale (telephone: +1(514) 287 7050) or Kirsty Galloway McLean (telephone: +1(514) 287 7039) directly.

Yours sincerely,

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