N O T I F I C A T I O N

**Submission of information requested in decision on
Contained Use (Article 6)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In accordance with operational objective 1.8 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) decided to include an item on the contained use of living modified organisms within the context of Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Protocol for deliberations at its seventh meeting.

In decision BS-VII/4, the COP-MOP invited Parties and other Governments to submit to the Executive Secretary information, tools, practical experience and guidance related to their existing mechanisms and requirements regarding the contained use of living modified organisms, including any specific requirement relating to the type and level of containment.

The information contained in the submissions will assist Parties, at their eighth meeting, in considering the gaps and needs identified, if any, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the Protocol's provisions on contained use of living modified organisms.

Accordingly, I would kindly invite you to submit to the Secretariat any currently available information on the aforementioned topics as soon as possible, but no later than **30 April 2016**. Submissions can be made online through the Biosafety Clearing-House at http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/submission.shtml or via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for 2016 and reiterate my appreciation for your continued support towards the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points
        Biosafety Clearing-House National Focal Points
        CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)