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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Overview of the post-2020 process for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) decided to develop a specific post-2020 Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety that is anchored in and complementary to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. COP-MOP also stressed the importance of including biosafety in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Decision CP-9/7<sup>1</sup>). COP-MOP further decided to develop a specific action plan for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol (Decision CP-9/3<sup>2</sup>).

Accordingly, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations are invited to submit views on:

- (1) the structure and content of the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020;
- (2) possible elements of a specific action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, covering the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol; and
- (3) relevant elements of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

In providing views on the first item, Parties and observers should note that decision CP-9/7 provides that the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol is to:

- (a) be developed as an implementation tool;
- (b) reflect the elements of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020 that are still relevant;
- (c) include new elements reflecting lessons learned and new developments relevant to biosafety;
- (d) ensure sufficient flexibility to account for developments during the implementation period; and
- (e) comprise indicators that are simple and easily measurable to facilitate the review of progress in the implementation of the Protocol.

In providing views on the second item, Parties and observers should note that the capacity-building plan will be aligned with the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020 and complementary to the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 under the Convention.

<sup>1</sup> available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-09/cp-mop-09-dec-07-en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-09/cp-mop-09-dec-03-en.pdf>

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

In providing views on the third item, Parties and observers may wish to take into account the initial discussion document on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which was circulated via notification 2019-008 (30 January 2019).<sup>3</sup>

All submissions should be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary as an e-mail attachment to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) by **15 April 2019**.

The submissions received will form the basis for the preparation of drafts to be considered by the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and subsequently by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as appropriate. Further information on next steps will be provided in due course.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> available at: <https://www.cbd.int/post2020/>