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**NOTIFICATION**

**Publication of a Special Edition of the CBD News devoted to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the new publication of a Special Edition of the CBD News devoted to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Produced to mark the entry into force of the Protocol, the Special Edition contains a number of articles authored by people who were actively involved in negotiations of the Protocol and are currently involved in its implementation. Topics discussed include: a brief history of the negotiations, perspectives on implementation at the national level, capacity-building, public participation, the Biosafety Clearing-House, and the link between trade agreements and the Protocol.

Copies of this historic publication are available on request from the Secretariat. An electronic version is available on the Convention's Website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/newsletters/>

I am sure you will find the views and information shared in this Special Edition very useful as we embark on the implementation of the Protocol.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol/ICCP Focal Points  
CBD National Focal Points (where Cartagena Protocol/ICCP focal points have not yet been designated)

