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NOTIFICATION

Offline version of the Biosafety Clearing House

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of decision BS-III/2 on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), which was taken by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP), I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat has produced a new offline version of the BCH on CD-ROMs for distribution to Governments that require them.

The CD-ROM includes all records that are contained in the BCH databases, as of 1 December 2006, including the search functions required to access those records. It will be of most use to those users who have limited or expensive Internet access but would like to access the extended search functionality provided by the BCH Central Portal.

Governments that wish to receive the above-mentioned CD-ROMs are invited to complete the enclosed request form and return it to the Secretariat by 11 December 2006. CD-ROMs will be sent out on 15 December 2006. Thereafter, the CD-ROMs will be updated and distributed to the concerned Governments on a quarterly basis.

Kindly note that only up to five copies of the CD-ROM can be sent to each country every quarter upon request. While the CD-ROM is available only in English for the December 2006 release, it will become available in all the other official United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish) during the first quarter of 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat at: secretariat@biodiv.org.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: BCH National Focal Points

Cc: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points (or CBD Focal Points where Biosafety Focal Points have not yet been nominated)



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CD-ROM Request Form (Please print)

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Number of copies required: 1 2 3 4 5

Language¹: Arabic Chinese English French Russian Spanish

How often would you like to receive the CD-ROM? Quarterly Every six months Yearly

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Please return the duly completed no later than 11 December 2006 to:

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