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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER

Submission of First Regular National Reports

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to my earlier Notification dated 16 April 2007 (Reference: SCBD/BS/WDY/ABw/58011), concerning the Submission of First Regular National Reports, as called for under Article 33 (Monitoring and Reporting) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP).

This is to kindly remind Parties, who have not yet done so, that the deadline to submit the above-mentioned report is **11 September 2007**, at the latest. The reporting format is available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/issues/monitoring.shtml>.

Parties are also reminded to complete and submit the additional questionnaire as mentioned in my earlier Notification (copy of the questionnaire is attached for ease of reference).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: National Focal Points of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety



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**QUESTIONS DERIVED FROM THE DECISIONS OF COP-MOP RELATING
TO ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
PROTOCOL**

Assessment and Review (Article 33, dscision BS-I/12, annex, paragraph 6; BS-III/15)

1. Please evaluate the effectiveness of the Protocol. Include an assessment of the Protocol's procedures (e.g. the advance informed agreement (AIA) procedure (Articles 7-10), the procedure for LMOs intended for direct use food or feed, or for processing (Article 11), mechanisms (e.g. the compliance mechanism), and annexes (Anexes I, II and III of the Protocol). (paragraph 1(a), decision BS-III/15)

2. Please identify any difficulties arising from the implementation of the procedures, mechanisms and annexes under the Protocol. (paragraph 1(b), decision BS-III/15)

3. Please provide any suggestions for appropriate indicators and/or criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of the Protocol and ideas on the modalities of the evaluation. (paragraph 1(b), decision BS-III/15)

4. Within the framework of your overall evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol above, please assess the effectiveness of the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Protocol as provided for in the annex to decision BS-I/7 (available at <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/cop-mop/result.aspx?id=8289>). Please include your views on measures concerning cases of repeated non-compliance and on rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Coppliance Committee regarding voting. (paragraph 1, decision BS-III/1)