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Notification

Submission of First Regular National Reports

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to my earlier Notifications of 16 April and 25 July 2007 (both referenced as 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.

I would like to remind Parties and other Governments that the deadline for submission of the First Regular National Report is **11 September 2007**, at the latest. Parties are also reminded to complete and submit the additional questionnaire as mentioned in my earlier Notifications (copy of the questionnaire is attached for ease of reference).

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize that submission of National Reports is not only called for under Article 33 of the Protocol, but it is also essential to the work of the Compliance Committee, which is due to convene its fourth meeting on 21-23 November 2007 in Montreal, Canada. Timely receipt of the National Reports would therefore be greatly appreciated for adequate preparation for this meeting.

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.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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



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Attachment
**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 Copmpliance Committee regarding voting. (paragraph 1, decision BS-III/1)