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## NOTIFICATION

### REMINDER

#### **Submission of Views on the Assessment and Review of the Effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to my earlier Notifications dated 16 April 2007, 25 July 2007 and 7 September 2007, which concerned, in part, the submission of views by responding to a questionnaire prepared on the basis of decision BS-III/15 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP). The decision of the COP-MOP was aimed at undertaking evaluation of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, including its procedures and annexes in accordance with Article 35 of the Protocol on assessment and review.

The Secretariat issues this further notification in accordance with the guidance of the COP-MOP Bureau to kindly remind Parties, other Governments, relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, who have not yet done so, to kindly submit, preferably before **15 February 2008**, their views by responding to the questionnaire in order to assist the Secretariat in its preparations for the fourth meeting of the COP-MOP. A copy of the questionnaire is attached herewith for your 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  
-Other Governments, and relevant international organizations



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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 Coppliance Committee regarding voting. (paragraph 1, decision BS-III/1)