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NOTIFICATION

Submission of First Regular National Reports

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to my earlier notifications with respect to the submission of first regular national reports as called for in the relevant decisions of the Parties to the Protocol made in accordance with Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on monitoring and reporting. I would like to draw your attention to my last reminder in this regard (Notification no. SCBD/BCH/CG/ABw/60746, dated 15 November 2007, available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2007/ntf-2007-145-bs-en.pdf>).

Once again, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) reiterated, at its fourth meeting held last month, that not submitting a National Report within the deadline does not absolve Parties from fulfilling their obligation for that reporting period. Accordingly, all Parties that have as yet not done so are requested to submit without further delay their National Reports to the Executive Secretary covering the period between the entry into force of the Protocol for each Party and the reporting date.

The Executive Secretary was requested to undertake another analysis of the first National Reports including those reports that were submitted after the deadline of 11 September 2007. This analysis is to be completed within three months from the date of the fourth meeting of the Parties and made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House.

The Secretariat would therefore appreciate it if those Parties that have not yet done so, to kindly submit their first National Report as soon as possible but **not later than 15 July 2008** with a view to fulfilling their obligation and facilitating the above-mentioned analysis by the Secretariat.

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

Cc: National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House



National Reports should be submitted to the Secretariat in an official language of the United Nations, in both hard copy and electronic Word format, using the reporting format annexed to decision BS-III/14. The reporting format is available on the Secretariat's web page: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/issues/monitoring.shtml> for download in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

I 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