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## NOTIFICATION

### Submission of Views on Possible Elements of the Programme of Work on Public Awareness, Education and Participation under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir:

At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), in decision BS-IV/17, decided to develop a programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, with specific operational objectives, scope of activities and outputs and modalities of implementation. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations were invited to submit to the Executive Secretary, at least twelve months before the fifth meeting of the Parties, their views on the possible elements of the programme of work. Furthermore, the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare, taking into account the submissions, a draft programme of work for consideration at the fifth meeting of the Parties.

In order to meet the request by the COP-MOP in a timely manner in the preparation of a synthesis of the views submitted and to develop a draft programme of work for the consideration of the COP-MOP, you are invited to send to the Secretariat your views and suggestions on the possible elements of the programme of work as soon as possible, but **no later than 15 November 2009**.

You are also kindly reminded to make available through the Biosafety Clearing-House, materials and information on opportunities for supporting projects related to public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms in accordance paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned decision.

I wish to take this opportunity to 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

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Relevant Organizations

