



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER

Submission of scientifically sound information regarding the identification of living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to my notification of 28 May 2009 (ref.: SCBD/BS/MPDM/jh/67587; available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2009/ntf-2009-056-bs-en.pdf>) on the submission of scientifically sound information regarding the identification of living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health.

These submissions will serve as a basis for deliberations by experts in i) *ad hoc* discussion groups (tentatively scheduled to start in November 2009) and ii) real-time conferences (tentatively scheduled to start in February 2010) under the Open-ended Online Forum; as well as by the experts of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group during its second meeting (tentatively scheduled for April 2010) as mandated by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at their fourth meeting.

With a view to facilitating these deliberations, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations that have not yet done so, are kindly invited to submit to the Secretariat scientifically sound information on the above mentioned subject **no later than 15 September 2009**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) National Focal Points
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