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NOTIFICATION

Invitation for comments on the updated Draft Elements of the Strategic Plan and Proposed Framework for the Second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety under Article 35

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce the launch of an online Forum on the Biosafety Clearing-House which is designed to provide the opportunity for comments on the following documents:

- (a) The updated draft elements of the Strategic Plan, and
- (b) The proposed framework for the second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety under Article 35 and

Both of these documents are available for your review and comment on the Forum page at <http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/spforum.shtml>

Comments are welcome between now and 28 February 2010. Your feedback is essential to the multi-year programme of work on Biosafety that is being developed by the Secretariat for the next 10 years. Your valuable inputs will be incorporated into the 10-year draft strategic plan which will be considered by the Parties at the fifth meeting of the COP-MOP being convened in Nagoya, Japan, 11-15 October 2010.

Thank you very much for your interest in the work of the Protocol.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: National Focal Points for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD-NFPs); National Focal Points for the Cartagena Protocol of Biosafety (CPB-NFPs); National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH-NFPs); Relevant Organizations