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## NOTIFICATION

### **Fair on National Experiences with the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at the margins of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP 5)**

Madam/Sir,

Building on the success of the fair which was held during the fourth meeting of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) in Bonn, Germany, I have the honour to inform you that another fair on national experiences with the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held at the margins of the fifth meeting of the COP-MOP from 11 - 15 October, in Nagoya, Japan.

The fair is jointly organized by the Government of Japan, as the host of COP-MOP 5, and the CBD Secretariat. It will showcase national experiences, good practices and lessons learned with regard to different issues, including:

- a. The development and implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks (NBFs);
- b. The design and implementation of biosafety capacity-building activities;
- c. The use of the Biosafety Clearing-House and its national nodes;
- d. Public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms; and
- e. Contribution of the Protocol to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target.

Governments and organizations will have the opportunity to present their activities and outputs in a variety of formats. The following are suggested:

- Presentation of posters
- Display of printed materials and CD-ROMs; and/or
- PowerPoint and audio-visual presentations.

To: All National Focal Points to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and Relevant organizations

During the fair, the participating governments and organizations will be expected to have a resource person on hand at the fair during the entire period of their exhibition.

Parties, other Governments, and organizations are invited to register with the Secretariat their interest to showcase their projects, activities and materials at their earliest convenience, but **no later than 15 July 2010**. Proposals for the exhibitions and presentations must include: name and contact details of the lead presenter, the main themes to be covered, a brief description of the exhibition/presentation, and the logistical requirements. Kindly submit your request to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) and please include in the subject line Fair/COP-MOP 5.

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

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Executive Secretary