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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information on capacity-building on needs and priorities for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

In its decision BS-I/5, paragraphs 6 and 7, and in decision BS-II/3, paragraph 15, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) invited Parties and other Governments to submit their capacity-building needs and priorities to the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) and to periodically review and update their records. In paragraph 16 of decision BS-I/5, the Executive Secretary was requested to compile, on the basis of the information submitted, a summary report on capacity needs and priorities for consideration by the COP-MOP at its regular meetings and also make it available to donor Governments and relevant organizations, as appropriate.

Furthermore, in paragraph 8 of decision BS-II/3 and paragraph 7 of decision BS-IV/3, the COP-MOP specifically urged Parties and other Governments to identify their biosafety training and education needs and communicate that information to the BCH to enable relevant institutions to design appropriate training programmes and packages. In paragraph 12 of the decision BS-IV/3, the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a synthesis of that information and make the report available through the BCH.

In order to assist countries to submit the above information in a comprehensive and integrated manner, the Secretariat, with advice from the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, has developed a revised "Capacity-Building Needs Assessment" questionnaire/common format which is available in the BCH management centre at:

<http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/capacityBuildingNeeds.shtml>.

In this regard, I wish to invite Parties and other Governments to submit, as soon as possible but **no later than 21 May 2010**, information regarding their capacity-building needs and priorities using the above mentioned online common format. The information submitted will enable the COP-MOP to make informed decisions, including guidance to the financial mechanism, with regard to capacity-building.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) and BCH National Focal Points
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)