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## NOTIFICATION

**Informal Open-ended Consultation on the  
draft Strategic Plan (2011-2020) for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety  
20 May 2010 (at the margins of the SBSTTA 14), UNEP Headquarters, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya**

Dear Madam/Sir:

In response to a request (paragraph 2, decision BS-IV-15) by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), the Secretariat has prepared a draft Strategic Plan of the Biosafety Protocol. The draft has been prepared, under the guidance of the Bureau of COP-MOP, based on comments received from Parties and has undergone through informal consultations and consequent revisions.

Having noted the limited number of comments received during the earlier consultative processes, the Bureau requested, at its meeting held on 20 March 2010, the Executive Secretary to convene, at the margins of the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 14), a regionally-balanced meeting of biosafety experts drawn from participants attending SBSTTA in Nairobi, May 2010 as well as an informal open-ended consultation.

I therefore invite you, participants to SBSTTA 14, to attend this informal open-ended consultation on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the DGEF Meeting Room, Block R-Level 1, at the UNEP Headquarters in Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya.

The draft Strategic Plan of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety is available at: at <http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/spforum.shtml> to help you in your preparations towards this consultation.

I count on your availability at this consultation to help provide inputs to the draft strategic plan for the Cartagena Protocol before it is submitted to the fifth meeting of COP-MOP for its consideration and possible adoption.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

To: All SBSTTA participants