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NOTIFICATION

Online information on risk assessment of living modified organisms in preparation for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms, which was developed by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management and made available as annex III of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/12, is now also available online at http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/guidance_ra/.

The lists of references identified by the AHTEG as relevant at the various stages of risk assessment are linked to, and accessible from, the Guidance document.

Further, I am also pleased to inform you that the draft training manual on risk assessment of living modified organisms developed by the Secretariat in collaboration with other United Nations bodies and other international organizations in response to decision BS-IV /11 paragraph 13 is available online at http://bch.cbd.int/cpb_art15/training.shtml. Parties may wish to consider the above online information in preparations for their deliberations on item 13 of the provisional agenda (Risk Assessment and Risk Management) for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

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

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