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NOTIFICATION

Submission of the Second Regular National Reports

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to decision BS-V/14, paragraph 3, of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP), which requests Parties to submit their second regular national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as called for under Article 33 (Monitoring and Reporting) of the Protocol. Further reference is made to paragraph 28 of the report of the third meeting of the Compliance Committee (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/3/3) in which the Committee requested the Secretariat to urge Parties to submit their national reports not only as an important input for planning future work by the COP-MOP, but also as an essential compliance issue in itself.

Accordingly, Parties are reminded that their second regular national reports are to be submitted to the Secretariat, no later than 30 September 2011, in an official language of the United Nations through the Management Centre of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) at the following address:
<http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/CPBnationalreport2.shtml>

Parties are encouraged to use the off-line copy of the online registration form (available in MS Word format at http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_natreports.shtml) to gather and organize information prior to online submission. National Focal Points with limited Internet access may submit the completed offline form in MS Word format directly to the Secretariat, as an attachment to an e-mail together with a scanned copy of the first signed page.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions in the reporting format since complete information is required for the establishment of baseline data for subsequent assessment and review processes of the effectiveness of the Protocol as well as a measure against which progress in the implementation of the Biosafety Strategic Plan can be measured.

It is further recommended that Parties prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: National Focal Points of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

cc: Biosafety Clearing-House National Focal Points