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NOTIFICATION

Submission of Information to Facilitate the Comprehensive Review of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol

Madam/Sir,

At its third meeting, which was held in Curitiba, Brazil in March 2006, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) adopted, in decision BS-III/3, an updated Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol. In paragraph 5 of the decision, the Parties agreed to conduct a comprehensive review of the Action Plan every five years based on an independent evaluation of the capacity-building initiatives carried out to implement the Action Plan.

At its last meeting, held in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, the COP-MOP adopted, in decision BS-V/3, terms of reference for the next comprehensive review of the Action Plan. Section III of the decision and the terms of reference outline a number of actions to be undertaken as part of the preparatory process leading to the comprehensive review of the Action Plan by the COP-MOP at its sixth meeting in October 2012.

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to the specific requests by COP-MOP for submission of information and/or views by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan and the proposed timelines for submission in the table below. In order to enable the Secretariat to prepare the background documents for the review process in a timely manner it would be appreciated if the information requested could be **submitted as soon as possible, but no later than the proposed dates**.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for your continued support to the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) National Focal Points
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COP-MOP DECISIONS REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO FACILITATE THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTION PLAN¹

	REQUESTED ACTION/INFORMATION	DEADLINE	REMARKS
Decision BS-V/3 Paragraph 2	<i>I. Status of the Action Plan and country capacity needs</i> <i>Urges Parties and other Governments that have not yet done so to submit reports on their capacity-building activities undertaken in support of the Action Plan within the next six months using the online format available in the Biosafety Clearing-House to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan;</i>	30 April 2011	The reports can be submitted online through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) using the format for "Capacity Building Activities" available at: http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/capacityBuildingInitiative.shtml .
Paragraph 6	<i>Urges Parties and other Governments that have not yet submitted their prioritized capacity-building needs to the Biosafety Clearing-House, and those Parties and other Governments that have already submitted but wish to revise their submissions, to do so within six months, to enable the Secretariat to prepare a more representative and comprehensive needs assessment report to facilitate the next comprehensive review of the Action Plan.</i>	30 April 2011	The information should be submitted online through the BCH using a "Capacity-Building Needs Assessment" questionnaire/common format available at: http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/capacityBuildingNeeds.shtml .
Paragraph 13	<i>III. Comprehensive review of the Action Plan</i> <i>Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary, by 30 June 2011, relevant information that might facilitate the comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan as well as views and suggestions on possible revisions to the Action Plan.</i>	30 June 2011	The information could include relevant experiences, best practices and lessons learned from previous and ongoing capacity-building initiatives, as well as the effectiveness of various approaches to biosafety capacity-building.
Paragraph 15	<i>Reiterates its invitation to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, made in paragraph 17 of decision BS-IV/3, to submit to the Executive Secretary information on their experiences with, and lessons learned from, the use of the revised set of indicators in monitoring and evaluating capacity-building activities implemented in support of the Action Plan.</i>	31 March 2012	The information would be used in preparing a background document to facilitate discussions on a possible framework for monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building efforts under the Protocol in the online forum to be organised by the Secretariat in October 2011 (as requested in paragraph 19 of decision BS-V/3).

¹ Extracted from COP-MOP decision BS-V/3:
<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/decisions/decision.shtml?decisionID=12316>