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NOTIFICATION

Reminder: Deadline for Submission of the Second National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (30 September 2011)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Notification 2010-215 (Ref: SCBD/BS/GF/ABw/74494) dated 13 December 2010 inviting Parties to submit their second regular national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as called for under Article 33 of the Protocol.

I wish to remind all Parties that, in accordance with decisions BS-V/14 and BS-1/9 (paragraph 5) of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP), the **deadline for submission of the second national reports is 30 September 2011**.

As pointed out in the notification referred to above, national reports are an important resource for planning future work of the Protocol. For example a number of important processes under the Protocol, including the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the comprehensive review of the capacity-building Action Plan to be undertaken by COP-MOP 6, will depend on the information provided by Parties in their second national reports. I therefore urge all Parties to submit their reports before the above deadline.

Parties are urged to submit their reports online through the BCH at: <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/CPBnationalreport2.shtml> in order to facilitate the process of analyzing all the reports submitted. The online form can be completed by designated National Authorized Users (NAU) and then validated by the BCH National Focal Point before submission. Parties 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 page signed by the relevant officer. Furthermore, Parties are encouraged to

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prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate.

Eligible Parties which have not yet applied for, or finalized the application process for the funding made available by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the preparation of the second national reports, are advised to contact the United Nations Environment Programme (Attn: Mr. Alex Owusu-Biney at: Alex.Owusu-Biney@unep.org) as soon as possible.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary