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## NOTIFICATION

### **Survey Form to Assist Parties to Assess the Level of Public Awareness of Issues Regarding Living Modified Organisms**

Madam/Sir,

In its decision BS-V/13, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted a programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) for the period 2011-2015. One of the suggested activities under operational objective 2.1 of the programme of work is for Parties to conduct, within the first year, baseline surveys to ascertain the level of public awareness and evaluate public awareness of the issues regarding LMOs.

I am pleased to inform you that, in accordance with operational objective 2.1 of the programme of work, the Secretariat has developed a template, which could be adapted, expanded and used by Parties in undertaking the above activity. The template is available in English, French and Spanish and can be downloaded from the Protocol website at: [http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_art23.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_art23.shtml).

I therefore invite all Parties and other Governments to conduct their baseline surveys and share the results of their surveys through the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (BIRC) in the Biosafety Clearing-House at: <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/resource.shtml>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to urge all Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to implement the other relevant activities identified in the above programme of work within the recommended timeframes.

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

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Executive Secretary

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