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NOTIFICATION

SURVEY: EVALUATION OF THE ACTION PLAN FOR BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Madam/Sir,

At its first meeting held in February 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) adopted an Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol. Its objective is to facilitate the development and strengthening of capacities for the ratification and effective implementation of the Protocol at the national, sub regional, regional and global levels.

In March 2006, the COP-MOP adopted an updated version of the Action Plan and decided that a comprehensive review of the Action Plan would be conducted every five years based on an independent evaluation of the effectiveness and outcomes of the capacity-building initiatives undertaken to support its implementation (decision BS-III/3). At its fifth meeting held in October 2010, the COP-MOP adopted the terms of reference for the comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan and requested the Executive Secretary to commission the independent evaluation (decision BS-V/3).

Pursuant to the above decisions, the CBD Secretariat has selected an independent evaluation consultant, Elsa Da Costa, to undertake the evaluation of the updated Action Plan. The draft evaluation report will be presented, for comments, to the Online Forum for Capacity-building for Biosafety, as well as the next meeting of the Liaison Group for Capacity-building for Biosafety to be held in February and March 2012.

One of the objectives of the review is to collect information and views of all Parties regarding the relevance, effectiveness, and the impact of the Action Plan. To ensure a participatory and inclusive process, the Consultant, Elsa Da Costa will be sending you a link to the survey.

I kindly request that you submit the completed survey by 2 December 2011.

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To: National Focal Points of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CBD where no CPB)

If you have any questions regarding the survey or the evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact the Consultant, Elsa Da Costa, at elsa.dacosta@baastel.com.

Your knowledge and perceptions are extremely valuable to the evaluation process. The information and views provided will contribute to the development of specific recommendations which will facilitate the revision, as appropriate, and future implementation of the Action Plan in the context of the new Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020).

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary