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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER: Online Forum on Strategic Approaches to Capacity-Building in Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to earlier notification 2012-026 dated 9 February 2012 and the reminder sent through notification 2012-037 regarding the Online Forum on Strategic Approaches to Capacity-Building, which the meeting of Parties to the Protocol, in its decision BS-V/3, paragraph 19, requested the Executive Secretary to organize and submit the outcomes to the sixth meeting of the Parties.

The Online Forum was opened from February to May 2012 through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) at: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art22/cbforum2012.shtml. Unfortunately participation in the first discussion group of the Forum, which focused on the "Draft Report on the Independent Evaluation of the Capacity-Building Action Plan, was relatively low and there was no single participant in the subsequent discussion groups.

In order to give Parties, other governments and relevant organizations further opportunity to express their views and suggestions regarding strategic approaches to improving the design, delivery, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of biosafety capacity-building initiatives, I am pleased to inform you that the Forum will be re-opened for a period for 2 weeks, from 17 to 31 July 2012. The discussion groups can be accessed at: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art22/cbforum2012_focus.shtml. The views and suggestions expressed will be compiled and made available to the sixth meeting of the Parties in information document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/INF/3.

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

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