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REMINDER NOTIFICATION
Electronic Network of Laboratories and Online Discussion Groups on the Identification of Living Modified Organisms

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification SCBD/BS/CG/KG/jh/77120, issued on 1 August 2011, inviting Parties to nominate laboratories involved in the detection and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs) with a view to form an electronic network through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), as per decision BS-V/9, paragraph 5. The Network of Laboratories for LMO Detection and Identification was launched on the BCH in March 2012 and a series of online discussions were held over the course of the year.

I am pleased to announce that the online discussion group of the Network of Laboratories for LMO Detection and Identification will reconvene in March 2013, and will focus on discussing challenges faced by LMO detection laboratories and potential solutions. I would therefore like to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit their nominations. Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis through the BCH at: <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/organization.shtml>¹. Laboratories must be nominated in order to participate in the online forum. Laboratories that are already registered as organizations in the Biosafety Clearing-House are invited to update their existing records to include additional information about their activities on the detection and identification of living modified organisms.

Based on the online discussions and with the generous support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat will organize a workshop for the exchange of information and experience on the implementation of relevant standards and methods. Participants in the workshop will be selected from among those who take part in the online forum. Further details regarding the workshop will be issued in due course later this year.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary

¹ In case of difficulties in submitting this information online, an offline common format for the nomination of a laboratory, which is available for download at the same internet address indicated above, should be completed and sent to the Secretariat via email (secretariat@cbd.int).

To : Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), BCH National Focal Points and Relevant Organizations



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