NOTIFICATION

Assessment and Review of the Effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Article 35):
Survey to gather information corresponding to indicators in the Strategic Plan

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), in its decision BS-V1/15, paragraph 3, requested the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Undertake a dedicated survey to gather information corresponding to indicators in the Strategic Plan that could not be obtained from the second national reports or through other existing mechanisms;

(b) Review the information gathered through the survey referred to in subparagraph (a) above and make the results available to the Parties before their seventh meeting.

This survey is also intended to generate information necessary for augmenting the baseline referred to in paragraph 3 of the same decision, for measuring progress in the implementation of the Protocol.

I am, therefore, pleased to invite Parties to provide the necessary information by responding to the survey questions that have been made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) at: http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/register/2ndNatRepAddendum.shtml as soon as possible but no later than 15 July 2013.

Kindly note that responses to this survey need to be provided through National Focal Points for the Cartagena Protocol (CPB-NFPs) and/or Biosafety Clearing-House Focal Points (BCH-NFPs).

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

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To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)
Biosafety Clearing-House National Focal Points