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## 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**

Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 3 of its decision BS-V1/15, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) 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.”*

Pursuant to these requests, the Secretariat has developed a survey aimed at generating the necessary information to address the baseline gaps referred to in paragraph 3 of the same decision and to facilitate measuring progress in the implementation of the Protocol. On 27 May 2013, notification 2013-042 was issued, inviting Parties to provide the necessary information by responding to the survey questions. This notification is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2013/ntf-2013-042-bs-en.pdf>.

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat has compiled and analyzed the information submitted by Parties through the survey and the final report is available through the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (BIRC) at <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=105532>. The survey data is also available through the Biosafety Clearing-House at the following link: <https://bch.cbd.int/database/reports/surveyonindicators.shtml>.

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

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