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NOTIFICATION

GEF Support for the Preparation of the Third National Reports on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has approved funding to support eligible Parties in the preparation of their Third National Reports on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Therefore, I wish to invite all eligible Parties to contact the United Nations Environment Programme through Mr. Alex Owusu-Biney, by e-mail at alex.owusu-biney@unep.org, as soon as possible to make arrangements for funding in support of the preparation of their reports. Furthermore, I wish to reiterate the importance of completing and submitting the Third National Reports before the deadline of **1 November 2015** in order to enable the Secretariat to complete the analysis of the reports in due time for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation as requested by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) in its decision BS-VII/3.

I would also like to urge eligible Parties to initiate the necessary preparations for the process, including the national consultations with relevant stakeholders, so as to expedite all the necessary actions in advance of the submission deadline. Responses to these questions will help Parties review the extent to which they are successfully implementing the provisions of the Protocol and will also assist the COP-MOP in its assessment of the overall status of the implementation of the Protocol, including measuring the progress in implementation during its mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan of the Protocol.

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

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