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NOTIFICATION

Reminder and Extension of Deadline: Submission of the Third Regular National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (30 November 2015)

Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Notification 2015-01-06, dated 6 January 2015, Notification 2015-07-29, dated 29 July 2015, and Notification 2015-09-16, dated 16 September 2015, inviting and reminding Parties to submit their Third Regular National Reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as called for under Article 33 of the Protocol.

I wish to remind all Parties that, in accordance with decisions BS-VII/14 (paragraph 2), BS-1/9 (paragraph 5), and BS-VII/3 (paragraph 3) of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP), the deadline for submission of the Third National Reports was 31 October 2015. Noting that some Parties have not as yet submitted their Third National Reports, I would therefore urge those Parties to submit their reports as soon as possible and no later than **30 November 2015**.

The reports should be submitted in an official language of the United Nations, through the Management Centre of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), at the following address: <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/CPBnationalreport3.shtml>.

As noted in the earlier Notifications referred to above, Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions in the reporting format since complete information is required both for the third assessment and review of effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan which will be undertaken at the eighth meeting of the COP-MOP. It is further recommended that Parties prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate.

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

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