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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information requested in decision VIII/17 on Contained Use (Article 6)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite Parties and other Governments to submit practical guidance on specific measures for contained use of living modified organisms that effectively limit their contact with and impact on the external environment.

This invitation is pursuant to decision VIII/17 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and is made in the context of operational objective 1.8 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020.

Submissions may be sent online through the Biosafety Clearing-House at <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/edit/submission.shtml> or via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible but no later than **31 January 2018**.

The information contained in the submissions will be made publically available online through the Biosafety Clearing-House and will also be compiled and presented to the ninth meeting of Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties, with a view to identifying areas where activities might be needed to support Parties in their efforts to develop national measures on contained use.

I appreciate your continued support towards the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)
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