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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Detection and identification of living modified organisms: submission of information and nomination of experts**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to decision CP-VIII/16, the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a draft version of the training manual on the detection and identification of living modified organisms, in collaboration with the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (<http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_detection/lab_network.shtml>), for consideration at the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

The same decision also invited Parties to provide information regarding their capacity and needs in the detection and identification of living modified organisms, including a list of laboratories and their specific activities. In this regard, I am pleased to invite Parties to submit such information to the Secretariat as soon as possible, but no later than **30 March 2018**. 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.

Furthermore, I would like to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to continue nominating experts to participate in the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. The nominees must be involved in laboratory-based detection and identification of living modified organisms and must have an understanding of techniques used in molecular biology. The official nomination letter must be accompanied by the completed attached nomination form indicating the activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to detection and identification of living modified organisms. Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points or Heads of organizations, as appropriate, are kindly requested to submit nominations for experts via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD

 Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**NOMINATION OF A PARTICIPANT TO A CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

*Fields / sections marked with an asterisk (***\****) are mandatory*

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| 1. **BRIEF PROFILE (min. 150 words)**\*

Briefly describe the experience of the nominee as it relates to the goals of the capacity-building activity as well as a description of how the nominee will be able to apply the knowledge acquired during the activity in future endeavours. |
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| 1. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**\*
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| 1. **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT\***
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| Main Areas of Responsibility\*:[[2]](#footnote-2) | <Text entry> |

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| Main Areas of Responsibility:[[3]](#footnote-3) | <Text entry> |
| 1. **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BACKGROUND**
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| **Second Degree** (e.g. M.Sc. in Microbiology) |
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| Name of academic institution: | <Text entry> |
| Start and End Date: | *From* <YYYY> *to* <YYYY> |
| **Third Degree** (e.g. Ph.D. in Microbiology) |
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| 1. **Professional References** Please indicate the name and email of *at least one* professional reference
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