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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to submit specific comments on the draft format for the fourth national report under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its recommendation SBI-2/13 on “monitoring and reporting (Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)”, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its second meeting, invited Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to provide specific comments on the draft format for the fourth national report under the Protocol, and requested the Executive Secretary to update the draft format, taking into account the comments received, and to submit it for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, at its ninth meeting, with further clarification on the changes made.

I am, therefore, pleased to invite you to submit specific comments on the “draft format for the fourth national report” as presented in the Annex to document CBD/SBI/2/13 available at <http://bch.cbd.int/sbi-02-13-en.docx>. An overview of the main changes in the draft format for the fourth national report in relation to the third national report is available at http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/4NR_format.

Submissions should be made using the template prepared for this purpose and made available at http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/4NR_format, and should be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int. Please note that only proposals for specific text changes to the reporting format will be considered and the addition of new questions is not envisaged.

Given the tight schedule for the preparation of documents for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, to be held in November 2018 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, all submissions must be received as soon as possible but **no later than 31 August 2018**.

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

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