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## NOTIFICATION

### Submission of information on detection and identification of living modified organisms

Dear Madam/Sir,

Decision [CP-9/11](#) of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety invited Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary information regarding their capacities and needs with respect to the detection and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs), as well as a list of laboratories, including information on the specific activities performed by such institutions.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite Parties to submit this information by completing an online survey, which enables Parties to provide an overview of their national situation regarding detection and identification of LMOs, including capacity-building needs and challenges. The survey is available [here](#).

Those Parties that have laboratories with the capacity to detect and identify LMOs, are also invited to submit more detailed information on their laboratories through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), using the format available in the six United Nations languages via the management centre of the BCH (<http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/register/>, log-in required with BCH user account).

In gathering information, I encourage you to consult with the relevant institutions in your country in order to gather the necessary information. The information can also assist in completing some questions in the fourth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, particularly questions 100 to 106, 132 and 135.

The information should be provided no later than **30 August 2019**. The survey should be completed by the National Focal Point for the Cartagena Protocol. The information provided will be made available through the BCH and will be reflected in the post-2020 capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol, as appropriate. A synthesis of the information will be submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

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), BCH National Focal Points