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## NOTIFICATION

### Chronogram for the migration of the Biosafety Clearing-House to its new platform

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that further to decisions CP-VIII/2 and CP-9/2 and as requested by the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the Secretariat has embarked on the migration of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) to its new platform with a view to improving the functionality of the BCH and ensuring consistency and coherence between the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and the BCH.

In response to the request in decision CP-VIII/2, paragraph 8(c), the Secretariat has prepared a *chronogram* outlining the timeline for the migration and follow-up processes. The *chronogram* is available on the Home page of the BCH at <http://bch.cbd.int/>.

As you are aware, the preview version of the new BCH platform has been launched, as part of the migration of the BCH, to enable Parties to complete and submit their fourth national reports through the online format of the new platform (see [Notification 2019-019](#)). This preview version is for the submission of fourth national reports only. Please note that the information in the BCH will continue to be available to users through the current BCH platform until the migration is complete.

The Secretariat is also collaborating with the United Nations Environment Programme BCH III Project on the development of the training materials to assist users in familiarizing themselves with the new features which will be available as the result of the migration of the BCH to its new platform.

Further information on the migration of the BCH will be provided as progress is made. BCH focal points are also encouraged to participate in the “BCH on BCH forum” where additional information on the migration will be made available (see [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art20/nfps/newBCHforum.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art20/nfps/newBCHforum.shtml)).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support for the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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