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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information on the identification of living modified organisms that are not likely to have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health

Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), in paragraph 12 of its decision BS-V/12, requested Parties and invited other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary (i) information on risk assessments, carried out on a case-by-case basis with regards to the receiving environment of the living modified organism, that might assist Parties in the identification of living modified organisms that *are not likely* to have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and (ii) the criteria that were considered for the identification of such living modified organisms.

Accordingly, I would, therefore, kindly invite you to submit to the Secretariat any scientifically sound information currently available on the above subject as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 April 2012**.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my appreciation for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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