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NOTIFICATION

Introduction of a new web page on ‘Completeness of National Records’ in the Biosafety Clearing-House

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to Article 20 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety which establishes the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) in order to facilitate the exchange of scientific, technical, environmental and legal information on, and experience with, living modified organisms.

Further, I refer to decision BS-V/2 of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) which calls upon Parties to make information available on the BCH in a timely, accurate and complete manner.

In order to assist Parties in fulfilling their obligations under the Protocol and the decisions of the COP-MOP, I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat has made available a new web page in the Central Portal of the BCH, titled ‘Completeness of National Records’, which is available at <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/record-completeness/>.

I would like to encourage all National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFPs) to visit this web page in order to identify their incomplete published national records and accordingly update them with the mandatory information as required by the common formats.

I am confident that this new web page will prove very useful in assisting Parties to meet their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety by providing accurate and complete information through the BCH.

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

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To: National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFPs)
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