



## NOTIFICATION

### Submission of information on Parties' needs and priorities related to risk assessment of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Dear Sir or Madam,

In annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety established a process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues of risk assessment of living modified organisms that may warrant consideration with a view to developing further guidance. At its eleventh meeting, in decision [CP-11/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety invited Parties to submit information on their needs and priorities for further guidance materials on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, including a rationale following the criteria set out in the aforementioned annex I to decision CP-9/13.

In response to this request, I would like to invite Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to submit information in relation to their needs and priorities for further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, including a rationale following the criteria set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13. A template and further instructions for submitting information is available at the following link: [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk\\_assessment/template\\_submit\\_info\\_cp11\\_7\\_para8.docx](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk_assessment/template_submit_info_cp11_7_para8.docx).

Parties are requested to submit this information through the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Submission (SUB) common format accessible at the following page: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register/SUB/new>. Full instructions on how to upload your submission are provided at the following link: [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk\\_assessment/instructions\\_submit\\_info\\_bch.docx](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk_assessment/instructions_submit_info_bch.docx). Using the template provided above will facilitate the work of the Secretariat in, for example, making information available on a dedicated page on the Biosafety Clearing-House in due course. Please note that submissions from Parties should be made through the National Focal Points of the Cartagena Protocol. Only submissions from Parties using this template, endorsed by the National Focal Point, will be considered. Kindly submit your information as soon as possible but no later than **4 April 2025**.

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

*(Signed)* Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

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