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NOTIFICATION

Socio-economic considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its decision CP-9/14, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) took note of the “Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”¹ (voluntary Guidance) and invited Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate, to use and submit preliminary experiences using the voluntary Guidance, as well as examples of methodologies and applications of socio-economic considerations, in the light of the elements of the voluntary Guidance, preferably in the form of case studies.

COP-MOP furthermore established an online forum on socio-economic considerations to facilitate moderated discussions to comment on and add views to review the submissions. It also extended the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on socio-economic considerations to review the outcomes of the online forum and requested the Executive Secretary to convene a face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG, subject to the availability of resources. The COP-MOP decided to consider the outcomes of the intersessional process at its tenth meeting.

Consequently, I am pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to:

(a) submit (i) preliminary experiences using the voluntary Guidance, as well as (ii) examples of methodologies and applications of socio-economic considerations, in the light of the elements of the voluntary Guidance, preferably in the form of case studies, and

(b) nominate participants for the online discussions by completing the form available on the Biosafety Clearing-House at: https://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/resources.shtml. Forms should clearly indicate the nominee’s experience and expertise in the field of socio-economic considerations.

Submissions and nomination forms should be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary via e-mail at secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **1 June 2019**.

The moderated online discussion is scheduled to be held in September 2019. Subject to the availability of resources, the meeting of the AHTEG will take place in the first half of December 2019. Further information will be provided in due course.

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

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Executive Secretary

¹ As contained in CBD/CP/MOP/9/10, annex.

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations