



## NOTIFICATION

### Submission of the fifth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Dear Sir or Madam,

In accordance with Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol, Parties shall, at intervals to be determined by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), report to the COP-MOP on measures taken to implement the Protocol.

In [decision CP-10/9](#), the COP-MOP welcomed the reporting format for the fifth national report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and requested Parties, and invited other Governments, to use the final format, which will be made available in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), to submit their fifth national reports at the same time as the seventh national reports under the Convention are due.

Accordingly, Parties are invited to submit their fifth national report through the BCH at <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register> (log-in is required with existing BCH user account) no later than **28 February 2026**, in one of the United Nations official languages. Information on frequently asked questions related to the preparation and submission of fifth national reports is available at [this webpage](#). For other queries or assistance, Parties may contact the Secretariat at [bch@cbd.int](mailto:bch@cbd.int).

The timely submission of the fifth national reports is important to facilitate the midterm evaluation of the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and for other processes under the Cartagena Protocol. Reports received after the deadline will not be considered in these processes.

Further to decision CP-10/9, Parties are invited to prepare their reports through a consultative process involving indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and all relevant national stakeholders, as appropriate, and to respond to all questions in the reporting format. Parties may use the offline version of the reporting format (available in all six official languages of the United Nations at [this link](#)) to gather and organize information prior to online submission.

#### ***Financial support for the preparation of the fifth national report***

Further to the invitation to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to support eligible Parties in the preparation and submission of their fifth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is working on the necessary arrangements in this respect. In decision CP-10/9, paragraph 16, the COP-MOP urged eligible Parties to submit their letters of endorsement to the implementing agency in a timely manner to ensure that projects to support the preparation of fifth national reports can be submitted to the GEF for approval well before the deadline for the submission of the reports. Therefore, eligible Parties are encouraged to submit a letter of endorsement signed by their GEF operational focal point, expressing their support for the project. The letter should be submitted to UNEP through Mr. Alex Owusu-Biney ([alex.owusu-biney@un.org](mailto:alex.owusu-biney@un.org)) **as soon as possible**. Kindly note that letters of endorsement **must be received by 30 August 2024** in order for a Party to be included in the project proposal.

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

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

(signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

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

