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NOTIFICATION**Submissions of information on experiences and assessment of applicability of the additional voluntary guidance materials to support case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [CP-11/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety welcomed the additional voluntary guidance materials to support case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives ([CBD/CP/MOP/11/9](#)). Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant organizations and stakeholders were invited to make use of the additional voluntary guidance materials in conducting relevant risk assessments and as a tool for capacity-building activities in risk assessment. Further, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol also invited those that have used the additional voluntary guidance materials to submit information on their experiences and on assessment of the applicability and usefulness of the materials.

In response to this request, I would like to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant stakeholders that have used the additional voluntary guidance materials to submit information on their experiences and assessment of the applicability and usefulness of the materials using the template provided at: https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk_assessment/template_submit_info_cp11_7_para5.docx. Only submissions using the template will be considered.

Submissions of information should be endorsed by the National Focal Point for the Cartagena Protocol or the head of organization, as appropriate, and be on official letterhead. Submissions should then be made 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 submissions are provided [here](#). Submissions should be received no later than **22 May 2026**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards 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), relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities
cc: Biosafety Clearing-House national focal points