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Preface

he Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, being the first international legal instrument of the 21st century, has caught the enthusiastic attention of the world environment community since its adoption on 29th January 2000. This enthusiasm must be sustained. Accordingly, UNEP as one of the three Implementing



Agencies of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) is taking the lead in promoting one of the most important initiatives undertaken by the GEF. That is to build the capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to address the challenges of the implementation phase of the Protocol.

Since the beginning of the 1990s, UNEP has made a major contribution in promoting the biosafety agenda. In 1995, UNEP's International Technical Guidelines on Biosafety were adopted. Between 1997 and 2000, UNEP successfully implemented, with GEF resources of US\$ 2.7 million, a pilot biosafety project that assisted 18 countries prepare National Biosafety Frameworks and promoted regional cooperation.

Based on the success of the pilot project, and following the designation of the GEF as the financial mechanism of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, UNEP is now implementing, with GEF financing, a US\$ 39 million project that will assist up

to 100 countries, worldwide, prepare their National Biosafety Frameworks as well as promoting regional and sub-regional cooperation. To this end, more than 20 regional and subregional workshops will be convened during the three year duration of this project, unique in the history of the GEF.

In addition, and in accordance with the Initial Strategy on Biosafety adopted by the GEF Council, UNEP is assisting eight countries that participated in the pilot project to implement their National Biosafety Frameworks. The experience gained through these demonstration projects will be of great assistance in meeting the challenge of making operational the biosafety frameworks developed through the global project.

The activities presented in this brochure clearly indicate the significant contribution that UNEP is providing in assisting countries to prepare themselves for the entry into force of the Protocol and implement its innovative provisions.

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List of Acronyms

BCH Biosafety Clearing House

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity

COP Conference of the Parties

CP Cartagena Protocol

FAO Food and Agriculture Organisation

GEF Global Environment Facility
ICCP Intergovernmental Committee

of the Cartagena Protocol

International Centre for Genetic

Engineering and Biotechnology

LMO Living Modified Organism

NBF National Biosafety Framework

NBSAP National Biodiversity Strategies

and Action Plan

NGO Non Governmental Organisation

SC Steering Committee

UNCED United Nations Conference

on Environment and Development

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