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## Press Brief - Protocol on Biosafety

# Monitoring and Reporting

## Background

The Protocol requires Parties to monitor implementation of their obligations under the Protocol and to report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) on measures taken to implement the Protocol.

## What has been done?

At its first meeting, held in 2004, the COP-MOP requested Parties to submit their national reports on the implementation of the Protocol every four years. Since then one interim report and two regular national reports have been submitted by Parties to the attention of the COP-MOP. The Second Regular National Report is being considered at the current meeting.

In its last decision on monitoring and reporting, the COP-MOP adopted a new reporting format and requested Parties to use the reporting format for the preparation of their Second National Reports. The COP-MOP also encouraged Parties to respond to all questions in the reporting format, including questions that do not necessarily represent obligations under the Protocol, with a view to gathering information that facilitates the establishment of a baseline for subsequent assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, as well as to measure progress in the implementation of the Protocol.

In recognizing the need for financial resources to enable developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to fulfil their obligations under the Protocol, the COP-MOP also asked the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to make available financial resources to eligible Parties to facilitate the preparation of their reports.

As of 31 December 2011, the Secretariat had received Second National Reports from 143 of the 161 Parties to the Protocol. This represents 89% of the Parties. The number of Second National Reports submitted by Parties has greatly increased due to the financial resources made available by the GEF to eligible Parties. Since the deadline of 31 December 2011, three additional Parties have submitted their Second National Reports bringing the percentage of submission up to more than 90% of the Parties.

An evaluation of the status of implementation of core elements of the Protocol is foreseen under item 18 (Assessment and review) of the Preliminary Agenda.

## What is expected at COP-MOP 6?

At the sixth meeting, it is expected that the COP-MOP might, among other things:

- Recognize that the information gathered from the Second National Reports establishes baselines for subsequent assessment and review processes of the effectiveness of the Protocol as well as for measuring the implementation and achievement of the Strategic Plan of the Protocol.
- Request the Secretariat to update the reporting format and submit the updated format to COP-MOP 7.
- Request Parties that have not yet submitted their national report to do so at the earliest opportunity.



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