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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

International Day for Biological Diversity – possible change of date

In its decision V/17 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to consult the United Nations Secretariat on the feasibility of changing the designated date of the International Day for Biological Diversity to 22 May and provide advice on this matter to the Parties by February 2001.

I would like to inform National Focal Points that the General Assembly of the United Nations is currently considering a draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity containing the following provision:

'Decides to proclaim 22 May, the date of the adoption of the text of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as the International Day for Biological Diversity henceforth'.

If such a provision is adopted, it will have the effect of transferring the date of the next International Day for Biological Diversity from 29 December 2000 to 22 May 2001.

As the General Assembly may not adopt its resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity for some more weeks and conscious that Parties may be planning to undertake activities in respect of the International Day for Biological Diversity on 29 December this year, I would like to alert National Focal Points to this situation.

As soon as the General Assembly adopts its resolution I will inform Parties of any decision in respect of the date of the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Yours sincerely,

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