Convention on
Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Decision VI/27B: Operations of the Convention

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision VI/27B adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biologic al Diversity which took place in The Hague, The Netherlands, in April 2002. By paragraph 11 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties acknowledged the important role that regional and sub-regional mechanisms and networks play in the implementation of the Convention and requested the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of UNEP and in consultation with Parties, to identify, assess and report on the potential of existing regional and sub-regional instruments, institutions, networks and mechanisms in various regions as a basis for enhancing the implementation of the Convention, including as partners for capacity-building, taking into account:

(i) The benefits to be gained through the utilization of regional and sub-regional institutions, mechanisms or networks;
(ii) The views from regions as to the types of assistance required to respond to difficulties in implementing the Convention and their level of priority;
(iii) The requirements necessary to strengthen such mechanisms and networks for the purposes of the implementation of the Convention.

I would be grateful if your organization could provide a report to the Secretariat **by 31 December 2002** on the role it can play in enhancing the implementation of the Convention in your region or sub-region, as appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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