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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Establishment of an Electronic Portal in support of Decision VI/19 - CEPA

Pursuant to Article 12 and Article 13 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and in support of Decision VI/19 of the Conference of the Parties, as a direct response to element 1 of the Programme of Work listed in its annex, the Secretariat of the CBD established an electronic portal on its website to contribute to the development of the Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness.

The CEPA Portal contains the following elements:

- tools to identify sources of information on current activities related to the programme of work for the global initiative;
- a report of the activities by the Secretariat in fulfillment of Decision VI/19 ;
- lists of those partner organizations to the global initiative on CEPA and access to their web sites;
- a database of the Case Studies and Best Practices relating to the Global Initiative on CEPA ;
- access to a roster of experts on CEPA from around the world;
- a report of the activities by Parties in fulfillment of Decision VI/19;
- a browsable list of useful web sites on Communication, Education and Public Awareness; and
- research tools to explore COP Decisions on CEPA.

The CEPA Portal is available on the Convention's website at:
<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/cepa/home.shtml>

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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