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NOTIFICATION

Global Strategy For Plant Conservation: Nomination of Focal Points

By decision VII/10, the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-7) noted with appreciation the progress achieved in the further development and implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in line with decision VI/9, and welcomed the establishment, by the Executive Secretary, of a flexible coordination mechanism for the Strategy, comprising: liaison groups to be convened as necessary according to established procedures; national focal points, as determined by Parties; the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation; and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to nominate focal points for the Strategy, or to designate them from among existing focal points, in order to:

- (a) Promote and facilitate implementation and monitoring of the Strategy at national level, including the identification of national targets and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and sectoral and cross-sectoral plans programmes and activities;
- (b) Promote the participation of national stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the Strategy at national level; and
- (c) Facilitate communication between national stakeholders and the Secretariat and Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

Accordingly, I kindly request that you forward your nomination to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience, and preferably no later than **31 July 2004**.

Please note that the full text of decision VII/10 is available at:

<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx>

I wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points

