Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Decision VII/13: Operations of the Convention

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision VII/33 on the Operations of the Convention which calls for a number of actions by the Executive Secretary regarding process-related issues to enable the Conference of the Parties to operate effectively.

By paragraph 9 of that decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to seek the views of Parties on options for a mechanism for setting priorities during the consideration of agenda items by the COP with a view to providing the budget group with clear guidance on how to address activities with financial implications, and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Pursuant to this request, the Executive Secretary wishes to invite Parties and Governments to submit their views on this issue to the Secretariat as soon as possible but in any case no later than **31 October 2004.**

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

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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