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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Update of the strategic plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM)**

I am writing in connection with paragraph 7(a) of decision VII/23 which requested the Executive Secretary to update the strategic plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) to 2009, in collaboration with the informal advisory committee (IAC), for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In addition, in its meeting of 6 February 2005, the informal advisory committee recommended to the Executive Secretary to solicit feedback and comments from Parties on issues held to be of significance prior to the drafting of the new strategic plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism.

In view of the above, we would welcome your comments and advice on the development of the new strategic plan, particularly in regard to the Clearing-House Mechanism's three primary objectives: technical and scientific cooperation, information exchange and network development, and within the context of activities related to the 2010 target, technology transfer and other programme areas and cross-cutting issues of the Convention. We invite you to submit your comments and advice to the Secretariat not later than 31 March 2005. These comments will be forwarded to the informal advisory committee, and used to guide the Secretariat in the drafting of a new strategic plan.

Thank you for your support of the Convention and its Clearing-House Mechanism.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

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