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Dear Madam/Sir,

**NOTIFICATION****Decision VII/18: Incentive measures: Definitions**

The purpose of this notification is, further to notifications 2004-038 of 6 May 2004 and 2004-076 of 23 September 2004, to invite Parties to contribute to the work on incentive measures pursuant to decision VII/18 of the Conference of the Parties with regard to the development of definitions.

In paragraph 3 of decision VII/18, the Conference of the Parties requested “*the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its tenth meeting, as a matter of priority, to further refine and consider, with a view to recommending adoption by the Conference of the Parties, the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, giving adequate time for a substantive and conclusive review of the proposals.*”

At its tenth meeting, held from 7 to 11 February 2005 in Bangkok, Thailand, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) further considered the draft proposals and recommended that the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting:

- (a) *Considers the draft proposals included in the annex to the present recommendation with a view to finalizing them, in conjunction with the outcomes of the consideration of positive incentives by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting;*
- (b) *Considers development of definitions on the basis of suggestions put forward by Parties and relevant organizations before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.”*

In light of the above, Parties are invited to convey to the Secretariat their suggestions on the development of definitions. The Secretariat will compile these suggestions and make them available to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. Parties are requested to send their suggestions at their earliest convenience but **no later than 15 August 2005**.

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

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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