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## **NOTIFICATION**

Subject: Decision VIII/4 on access and benefit-sharing: Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of their Utilization

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VIII/4B, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties invited "Parties to submit reports on their experiences in developing and implementing Article 15 of the Convention at the national level, including obstacles encountered and lessons learned, four months prior to the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing" and, in paragraph 3, it requested the Secretariat "to prepare a compilation of the information provided in accordance with the paragraph above and make it available for the work of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fifth meeting".

Parties are invited to submit reports on their experiences **no later than** 1 February 2007.

Please note that in order to facilitate preparatory work all submissions should be provided in Word format.

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

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