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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Implementation of Decision VIII/17 on Private sector engagement

Dear Madam/Sir,

In view of the preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9), the Secretariat is compiling information regarding the implementation of Decision VIII/17. The Secretariat welcomes general information on steps taken towards the implementation of this decision and, in particular, seeks information on initiatives taken by Parties to:

- 1) **communicate the importance of biodiversity** to companies operating within their jurisdiction, including state-owned companies and small and medium enterprises;
- 2) engage business in the **development and revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans**;
- 3) encourage companies to **adopt practices that support the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans** and the objectives of the Convention; and
- 4) **prioritize the implementation of Article 6(b)** of the Convention.

In addition, the Secretariat would welcome information regarding:

- 5) the **inclusion of representatives of business on national delegations** to CBD meetings; and
- 6) **further ways and means to promote business engagement** in the implementation of the Convention, with a particular emphasis on the Convention's role in facilitating such engagement.

In order to facilitate the preparation of progress report in time for COP-9, I kindly invite Parties to submit their inputs to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience but no later than **31 July 2007**.

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

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