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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Funding for Preparing the Third Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you recall, the Conference of the Parties, in its Decision VIII/14, paragraph 11, decided that the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook shall be prepared for publication at its tenth meeting in 2010.

To enable the commencement of the preparation process for the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, I would like to request your country or organization to consider providing funds as early as possible for the work in this regard.

Recommendation 2/4 adopted by the Working Group on Review of Implementation, at its second meeting held in Paris from 9 – 13 July 2007, recommended that ‘..the Conference of the Parties, at its ninth meeting, *request* the Global Environment Facility, *urge* Parties, and *invite* other Governments and donors, to make timely financial contributions for the preparation and production of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and ancillary products...’ Furthermore, in the same recommendation, the Working Group on Review of Implementation also recommended that funds should be provided as early as possible so that the Global Biodiversity Outlook can be finalized in advance of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in all the United Nations languages, and if possible, with a draft available for review at the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (tentatively scheduled in May 2009).

The early provision of funds will be crucial in the timely preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, which is necessary for providing an assessment of progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target and for mobilizing further support for the implementation of the Convention. I thank you very much in advance for your support to this effort.

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

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