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United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

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NOTIFICATION

Opportunity to comment on proposed new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources

Dear Madam/Sir,

Through notification 2011-013 of 19 January 2011, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations were invited to submit, by 15 October 2011, proposals for new and emerging issues for possible consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The submissions received to date are accessible from the CBD website at <http://www.cbd.int/emerging/>.

I am pleased to invite you to comment, in preparation for consideration of this agenda item at the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on the submissions that were received, taking into account the criteria listed in paragraph 12 of decision IX/29. These are:

- (a) Relevance of the issue to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its existing programmes of work;
- (b) New evidence of unexpected and significant impacts on biodiversity;
- (c) Urgency of addressing the issue/imminence of the risk caused by the issue to the effective implementation of the Convention as well as the magnitude of actual and potential impact on biodiversity;
- (d) Actual geographic coverage and potential spread, including rate of spread, of the identified issue relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- (e) Evidence of the absence or limited availability of tools to limit or mitigate the negative impacts of the identified issue on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- (f) Magnitude of actual and potential impact of the identified issue on human well-being;
- (g) Magnitude of actual and potential impact of the identified issue on productive sectors and economic well-being as related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Kindly send your comments **no later than 20 January 2012** to secretariat@cbd.int

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, other Governments and relevant organizations