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## **NOTIFICATION**

Membership of the informal advisory group concerning cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions

Dear Madam/Sir,

I refer to notification 2015-021 of 27 February 2015, through which Parties were invited to nominate candidates for membership in the informal advisory group established pursuant to paragraph 6, A, of decision XII/6.

Having duly considered all the nominations, the experience of the nominees and taking into consideration of regional and gender balance, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity has selected the members of the informal advisory group as presented in the annex to this notification.

As specified in decision XII/6, the informal advisory group is expected to work in consultation with the Secretariat and with the participation of the members of the liaison group of the biodiversity-related conventions, to prepare a workshop with the task to prepare options for Parties of the various biodiversityrelated conventions to enhance synergies and improve efficiency among them with a view to enhancing their implementation at all levels.

One of the preliminary tasks of the informal advisory group is to determine the number and composition of participants in the workshop. I am pleased to inform you that the Governments of Finland and Switzerland have kindly indicated to provide financial support to the work of the informal advisory group, including support for participation from developing countries at the workshop. Other Parties are kindly encouraged to extend support for activities related to this important Party-led process and to plan and arrange for their participation.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias **Executive Secretary** 

Enclosure

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## Annex I

## Members of the informal advisory group concerning cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions

REGION	COUNTRY	MEMBER
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	Sudan	Ms. Sawsan Khair Elsied Abdel Rahim Mustafa
Asia-Pacific	India	Dr.V.B. Mathur
	Palau	Ms. Gwendalyn K. Sisior
CEE	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Mehmed Cero
	Georgia	Ms. Maka Bitsadze
WEOG	Canada	Mr. Greg Filyk
	Finland	Ms. Marina von Weissenberg
GRULAC	Mexico	Ms. Margarita Caso Chávez
	Peru	Ms. Roxana Solis Ortiz