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NOTIFICATION

Voluntary Peer Review (VPR) - Uganda

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is my pleasure to inform Parties and observers that the final report of the voluntary peer review (VPR) of the revision and implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2025 (NBSAPII) of Uganda has been published as an <u>information document</u> for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. As you are aware, issues related to mechanisms for reporting, assessment and review of implementation are being taken up under agenda item 9 of the meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous support provided by the Government of Japan, through its Japan Biodiversity Fund, and the Governments of Norway and Switzerland, which enabled this review to be carried out. I would also like to gratefully acknowledge the work of the dedicated review team, comprised of Mr. Eduardo Queblatin (Team Leader) from the Philippines, Ms. Edel-Quinn Ijeoma Agbaegbu from Nigeria, Ms. Lalaina Randrianasolo from Madagascar, and Dr. Jonathan Mufandaedza from Zimbabwe.

My gratitude is also extended to the Government of Uganda for its willingness to undergo this review. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Francis Ogwal, CBD National Focal Point, Uganda, Ms. Monique Akullo and Mr. Fred Onyai, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Uganda, for their committed support and the wonderful spirit of cooperation extended to the review team and the Secretariat throughout this process.

Further information on the voluntary peer review mechanism, adopted at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in <u>decision 14/29</u> as an element of the multidimensional review approach under the Convention, is available on the Convention's website at: https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/vpr/.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and relevant organizations







