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18 October 2000

NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam / Sir,

Re.: Representation on the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism and details of its First Meeting - 23 November 2000, Montreal, Canada

With reference to my letter of 29 June 2000 on the above-mentioned subject, I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the GTI Coordination Mechanism to be convened pursuant to decision V/9.

Following the letter dated 29 June 2000 sent to all CBD National Focal Points, the Secretariat received 62 expert nominations from 48 Parties / States by 8 September 2000. The composition of the Coordination Mechanism was determined by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), on the basis of nominations received from Governments and relevant organizations, by the deadline of 28 July 2000, taking into account the Guidelines for the Selection of Representatives which were conveyed to all Parties and States in my letter of 29 June 2000. Based on the above, the composition of the GTI Coordination Mechanism for the period 2000 – 2001 is contained in the Annex to this Notification.

It should be noted that in order to ensure wider participation, membership on the Coordination Mechanism will be rotated between countries, with half the members being replaced each year using nominations received from countries and organizations, including those already received, as appropriate.

To: All National Focal Points for the CBD

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Subject to the availability of financial resources, the first meeting of the GTI Coordination Meeting will take place on 23 November 2000, at the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in Montreal, Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Annex

Membership of the GTI Coordination Mechanism for the period 2000 – 2001

(i) Government-nominated Expert Participants

Dr. Huang Dawei (China)
 Dr. Elaine Fisher (Mrs.) (Jamaica)
 Dr. Mark Graham (Canada)
 Dr. Eugene Marais (Namibia)
 Dr. Beatrice Nangami Khayota (Kenya)
 Dr. Laszlo Papp (Hungary)
 Prof. Simon Tillier (France)
 Dr. Jesús Ugalde (Costa Rica)
 Prof. Makoto M. Watanabe (Japan)
 Dr. Dgebuadze Yuriy Yulianovich (Russian Federation)

(ii) International organizations:

BioNet INTERNATIONAL : Dr. Nick King
 Botanic gardens : Dr. Peter H. Raven
 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): Dr. Tony Putter
 Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF): Dr. Wouter Los ; Dr. Christoph Haeuser
 (alternate)
 Global Environment Facility (GEF): Dr. Walter Lusigi
 Secretariat of the International Council for Science (ICSU) / DIVERSITAS : Dr. Pieter
 Baas
 UNEP: Dr. Rob Hepworth ; Dr. Paul Chabeda (alternate)
 UNESCO : Dr. Peter Bridgewater

(iii) SBSTTA Bureau:

Dr. Anastasios Legakis (SBSTTA Bureau Member)