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Madam/Sir,

Notification: Decision V/20: Operations of the Convention

The purpose of this notification is to invite Non-Government Organizations to provide feedback regarding the implementation of Section II, Strategic Plan for the Convention of Decision V/20 of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

A copy of section II of decision V/20 is attached herewith and I would be grateful if Parties could inform the Secretariat of their views on the preparation of the Strategic Plan by 31 December 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: All Non-Government Organisations



V/20. Operations of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties

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II. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONVENTION

10. Decides to prepare and develop a Strategic Plan for the Convention, with a view to considering and adopting the Strategic Plan at its sixth meeting;

11. Decides that the Strategic Plan shall be based on the longer-term programmes of work of the Conference of the Parties and of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and that the Strategic Plan shall provide strategic and operational guidance for the implementation of these programmes of work;

12. Decides that the Strategic Plan will initially cover the period 2002-2010;

13. Decides that the Strategic Plan shall contain a set of operational goals that the Conference of the Parties has decided that it wishes to be achieved in the period covered by the Strategic Plan, and that these operational goals shall relate to the following three main areas of work:

- (a) The thematic programmes;
- (b) Cross-cutting issues and initiatives; and
- (c) The implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

14. Decides that these operational goals shall reflect levels of elaboration, progress of development, stages of implementation, state of knowledge and capacities, and degrees of cooperation, with respect to the three main areas of work;

15. Decides that within each of these goals, the Strategic Plan shall identify, as far as possible, the following parameters:

- (a) Planned activities;
- (b) The expected products;
- (c) The timing of each of these activities and products;
- (d) The actors carrying out these activities and cooperation with relevant organizations;
- (e) The mechanisms used to realize and/or support the goals and activities, or to generate the expected products; and
- (f) Financial, human-resource and other capacity requirements;

16. Requests the Executive Secretary to develop the Strategic Plan, in accordance with the above parameters, and including options where appropriate, and to engage in a participatory process that ensures:

- (a) Incorporation of the views of Parties and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and its Bureau, and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Convention on matters relevant to their mandates; and
- (c) Input from other interested countries and organizations;

with a view to preparing a full draft Strategic Plan in time for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;