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NOTIFICATION

Re: Recommendation VI/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and the report of the World Commission on Dams

At its fifth meeting held in Nairobi, in May, 2000, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to consider the recommendations contained in the report of the World Commission on Dams, *Dams and Development: A new Framework for Decision-Making*, and as appropriate, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting the introduction of suitable elements into the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

At its sixth meeting, in March 2001, SBSTTA considered the document prepared by the Executive Secretary on "Identification of the elements from the final report of the World Commission on Dams that can be introduced in the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/5/Add.1), which is available on the Convention's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.asp?lg=0&wg=sbstta-06>. In order to enable the Parties to use the scientific and technical tools of the report, SBSTTA, in paragraph 2 of recommendation VI/3, requested the Executive Secretary to make the report available to the Parties through the clearing-house mechanism. SBSTTA recommendation VI/3 is available on the Convention's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/default.asp?lg=0&m=sbstta-06&r=03>

I have the pleasure to inform you that a link to the report of the World Commission on Dams has been established on the Convention's website at:
<http://www.biodiv.org/areas/water/documents.asp>

Yours sincerely,

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