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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION**Incentive Measures**

I wish to remind you of the Secretariat's notification of May 17, 2001, inviting Parties to nominate experts to participate in the Workshop on Incentive Measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, to be held in September 2001, consistent with decision V/15 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP).

In decision V/15, the Conference of the Parties established a programme of work to promote *“the development and implementation of social, economic and legal incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in synergy with specific programmes of work, in order to (a) support Parties, Governments and organizations in developing practical policies and projects; (b) develop practical guidance to the financial mechanism of effective support and prioritization of these policies and projects.”*

As a first phase of the programme of work, the Executive Secretary was requested *inter alia* to collaborate with relevant organizations to develop a matrix identifying the range of instruments available, their purpose, interaction with other policy measures and effectiveness, with a view to identifying and designing relevant instruments in support of positive measures, and to elaborate proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures for consideration by SBSTTA and by the COP.

As mentioned in the notification of May 17, a workshop will be held in September 2001 with a view to the elaboration of proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures on the basis of the matrix prepared by the Secretariat, as contemplated in decision V/15. The workshop will bring together approximately 40 Government nominated experts and observers from competent organizations. The conclusions of the workshop will be submitted to the seventh meeting of the SBSTTA, in November 2001.

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The success of the workshop depends on the availability of a sufficient number of qualified experts from the various regions. However, the deadline originally set for nominations has passed and the Secretariat has received very few nominations. Therefore, it would be appreciated if your Government could submit names and curriculum vitae of suitably qualified experts to the Secretariat **not later than 15 July 2001** in order to facilitate the selection of participants in the workshop.

In submitting names of experts, governments are invited to bear in mind the need to ensure the availability of expertise to address the social, economic, as well as legal dimensions of the development of incentive measures. The government nominated experts will be selected on the basis of expertise, the need to ensure adequate regional balance, as well as gender balance. The Secretariat will cover the cost of the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support of the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary