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NOTIFICATION

Subject: **Second consultation on the draft international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development.**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to inform you that a second consultation on the draft international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development is being launched by the Secretariat.

In decision VI/14, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention requested the Executive Secretary to review the current draft guidelines on sustainable tourism in vulnerable ecosystems taking into account the results of the first electronic consultation organized by the Secretariat and the outcome of the World Ecotourism Summit, and to transmit the reviewed draft to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for its consideration.

Considering the limited number of submissions received during the first electronic consultation and the high interest in the guidelines demonstrated by Governments, NGOs and Indigenous and Local Communities during the World Ecotourism Summit, the

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Secretariat has launched a second round of consultations to give interested stakeholders the opportunity to further contribute to the revision of the draft guidelines.

Therefore, I am pleased to invite your Government/ Organization to submit your contribution to the following electronic mail address: tourism@biodiv.org or to the address below:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
393, St. Jacques St., Suite 300
Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2Y 1N9

Please note that, in order for the Secretariat to review the draft guidelines in light of contributions received and to transmit the findings of the consultation in due time to the eight meeting of Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), comments should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **30 September 2002**.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary