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NOTIFICATION

Decision VI/28: Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision VI/28 adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity which took place in The Hague, The Netherlands, in April 2002. By paragraph 1 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, on the basis of the draft multi-year programme of work, with special consideration to items for in-depth consideration and review of programmes of work, taking fully into consideration the Strategic Plan of the Convention and based upon submissions by Parties to the Convention, to prepare a multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, covering the programme of work dealing with its eighth, ninth and tenth meetings.

By paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. The Conference of the Parties further decided, by paragraph 3, to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties. This inter-sessional meeting on the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 will be held back to back with the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice which is scheduled to take place in March 2003.

I would be grateful if you could provide your proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 to the Secretariat **by 31 October 2002** so as to enable the Executive Secretary to compile the views of Parties on this issue and to prepare a draft multi-year programme of work for the consideration of the inter-sessional meeting.

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

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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