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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam, Sir,

Subject: Establishment of International Thematic Focal Points

Pursuant to paragraph c, Annex II of decision V/14, I wish to advise you that to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity has received endorsements from national focal points for the establishment of three international thematic focal points, namely: i) the Global Taxonomy Initiative (<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/taxonomy/>); ii) the Global Invasive Species Programme (<http://jasper.stanford.edu/gisp/>); and iii) NatureServe (<http://www.natureserve.org>).

These cooperative arrangements will assist the clearing-house mechanism to fulfill activities listed under Annex II of decision V/14. Indeed, the establishment of international thematic focal points is indicative of new efforts by the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate more effectively technical and scientific cooperation.

More information on international thematic focal points is available on the Convention's web site at: <http://www.biodiv.org/chm/TFP.asp#>

We would appreciate greatly your advice on the establishment of additional international thematic focal points, particularly in the context of decisions from the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Yours sincerely,

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