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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Searchable Database on GEF Council Decisions**

I am pleased to inform you that a searchable database of GEF Council Decisions is now available on the CBD website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/financial/gef-decisions.aspx>.

This searchable database intends to facilitate better understanding of GEF procedures and monitoring of GEF activities as related to biological diversity, in particular in response to guidance from the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The database will be updated immediately after each GEF Council meeting.

Through the use of different criteria that could include meetings, subjects and/or decisions, users can easily access text pertaining to GEF Council decisions or text on GEF Council discussions about decisions.

I trust you will find the tool useful, and welcome any suggestions or comments that you may have on this resource.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points  
Stakeholders of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention

