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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Meeting on “2010 - The Global Biodiversity Challenge”
21 – 23 May 2003, London, UK**

Pursuant to notification [2003-033](#) on this subject, I wish to remind you that this meeting will take place in **London, United Kingdom, from 21 to 23 May 2003**. The meeting will address the provisions of the Strategic Plan for the Convention, adopted by [decision VI/26](#), and endorsed by The Hague Ministerial Declaration and the WSSD Plan of Implementation. This meeting has been organized by the Convention on Biological Diversity, in partnership with UNEP-WCMC and UNDP, and will focus on developing a framework for action for achieving the 2010 target to significantly reduce the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national levels.

The specific objectives of the meeting are:

- a) To review means in place for achieving the target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010;
- b) To review and agree on approaches for measuring and assessing achievements towards meeting the 2010 target; and
- c) To review and agree on the most appropriate approaches for reporting on progress.

The meeting will bring together approximately 150 participants including Government nominated experts and representatives of biodiversity-related conventions and relevant organizations. The outcome of the meeting will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in November 2003 and to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in March 2004.

Further details about the agenda and the logistics of this meeting can be found on the Convention's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.asp?wg=GBC-01>.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary

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