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**NOTIFICATION**

**Peer-review of a document entitled  
“Invasive Alien Species: identification of specific gaps and inconsistencies in the  
international regulatory framework”**

In paragraph 9 of decision VI/23<sup>1</sup> on Alien Species that Threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species, the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and other international organizations such as the Global Invasive Species Programme to identify and explore, in light of the inter-sessional work referred to in recommendation VI/4 A of the Subsidiary Body, further specific gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework (including binding and non-binding instruments as well as instruments at the regional level and standards) from a technical perspective of the threats of invasive alien species to biological diversity, including consideration of various pathways for the transmission of invasive alien species, and to report back to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, taking into account further relevant information arising from the implementation of decision VI/23.

I have the pleasure to invite you to take part in the peer review of the document “Invasive Alien Species: identification of specific gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework”, which will be submitted to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 10 to 14 November 2003. The purpose of this peer review is to get your comments on the relevance of the information provided, the overall balance and soundness of the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects, taking into account section II/H in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/7 on “Invasive Alien Species: Comprehensive review on the efficiency and efficacy of existing measures for their prevention, early detection, eradication and control”, while avoiding duplication of the content of that document.

I kindly request that your comments be received by the Secretariat no later than **15 September 2003**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

<sup>1</sup> One representative entered a formal objection during the process leading to the adoption of this decision and underlined that he did not believe that the Conference of the Parties could legitimately adopt a motion or a text with a formal objection in place. A few representatives expressed reservations regarding the procedure leading to the adoption of this decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/2/20, paras. 294-324).

To: Participants of the Liaison Group Meeting on Alien Invasive Species, Cape Town, South Africa,  
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