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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Pledges to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BE) for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity has signed an Agreement with the Government of the Netherlands which provides a grant of 1,600,000 Euros to the BE Trust Fund over the period 2003-2006.

These funds will be used to support the following approved activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity:

- 1. Strengthening of cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions and organizations*
- 2. Indicators and environmental impact assessment*
- 3. Capacity-building and regional cooperation*
- 4. Ecosystem approach, sustainable uses and incentive measures*
- 5. Communication and public awareness.*

The Secretariat wishes to express its gratitude to the Government of the Netherlands for their extremely generous financial support of the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points

