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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Establishment of a Memorandum of Cooperation with BioNET-  
INTERNATIONAL**

I am pleased to inform you that a Memorandum of Cooperation has been established with BioNET-INTERNATIONAL to support implementation of the programme of work of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) and to promote and facilitate taxonomic capacity-building needed to overcome the taxonomic impediment to implementing the Convention.

The Memorandum of Cooperation identifies several areas of collaborative work, including scientific and technical cooperation related to the GTI, the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention, biosafety, transfer of technology and technology cooperation, and the 2010 target to achieve a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss. With regard to capacity building, cooperation and technology transfer, BioNET-INTERNATIONAL will work with the Secretariat to promote innovative approaches such as type-2 partnerships or transfers among relevant actors, involving in particular the private sector and civil-society organizations.

This cooperative arrangement will assist the Secretariat to more effectively implement the programme of work of the GTI and ensure the success of activities related to the enhancement of capacities at the national and regional levels.

Looking forward to working with you in implementing the programme of work of the Global Taxonomy Initiative, please accept Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points  
GTI National Focal Points  
CHM National Focal Points

