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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam, Sir,

Subject: Launch of new the Convention Biological Diversity website

I am pleased to announce the launching of the new Convention website (<http://www.biodiv.org>) which has been re-designed to facilitate searching, locating and retrieving of information. In addition, the Secretariat, in its re-design of the CBD website, adhered to commonly used information formats, protocols and standards with a view to improve on its interoperability and sharing of data with other Conventions, organizations and research institutions.

The new CBD website has also been developed to function as a central component of the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) programme of the Convention by offering new electronic communication tools designed to increase interaction with Parties, Governments and stakeholders. It also functions as the primary mechanism to increase awareness of new Convention related activities, publications and resources.

I invite you to consult the new CBD website.

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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