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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: CBD daily press clipping service

I am writing in connection with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity's corporate communications strategy, established pursuant to paragraph 4(e) of decision VI/19, which aims to raise public awareness of issues related to biodiversity and biosafety.

In support of the above, I am pleased to announce the launching of the CBD daily press service. The Secretariat will select news from the major newspapers around the world related to the programme areas and cross-cutting issues covered under the Convention. This selection will be made available once a day on the Convention's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/headlines.aspx>. Users of the service may choose to receive the daily press clippings by email.

We invite you to make use of this new service and hope that it will assist in raising awareness of issues related to the Convention in your region.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

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