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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Developing a species profile schema for the Global Invasive Species Information Network**

In paragraph 25 of decision VI/23\*, the Conference of the Parties called on relevant organizations to contribute to the creation and maintenance of a global invasive species information network to (a) ensure effective international cooperation and expertise sharing; (b) provide information to assist countries to perform effective risk analysis; (c) provide information on potential pathway of alien invasive species; and (d) provide support for management and control efforts, particularly for locating technical support for rapid response activities.

In support of the above, the Government of the United States of America has made generous funds available for the development of an invasive species profile schema to assist in the establishment of the Global Invasive Species Information Network. We invite you to comment on the first draft of the invasive alien species schema document, and to suggest improvements with a view to facilitate its widest possible adoption.

To comment on the schema, please go to the Convention's website at:  
<https://www.biodiv.org/doc/restricted/gisin/Default.aspx> (login: XXX password: XXX).

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: SBSTTA and CHM National Focal Points  
Relevant international organizations

\* 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/6/20, paras. 294-324).