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NOTIFICATION**EXTENSION OF DEADLINE**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Deadline extension for submission of checklist of criteria to assist in the evaluation of national clearing-house mechanisms

I am writing in connection with notification no. 2005-089 (reference SCBD/I&O/CHM/MS/49984), dated 29 July 2005, where Parties were requested to complete a checklist of criteria, herewith attached, to assist in the evaluation of national Clearing-House Mechanisms in the Latin America and Caribbean region. The results of the checklist are to be presented as an information document at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Curitiba, Brazil, on 20 to 31 March 2005.

In view of the limited number of checklists that have been received by the Secretariat so far, and the need by some Parties for additional time to complete their checklist, I wish to inform you that the deadline has been extended to **7 October 2005**.

Thank you for your support of the Convention and its Clearing-House Mechanism.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: Latin America and the Caribbean
CHM National Focal Points
CHM Informal Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED CHECKLIST OF CRITERIA TO ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF NATIONAL CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISMS

Creation and Structure of a CHM

1. Has your country established a clearing-house mechanism? Yes No
2. Has your country established a CHM National Focal Point? Yes No
3. Is the CHM fully operational? Yes No
4. Has your country established a CHM website? Yes No
5. Are there other components to your CHM other than a CHM website? Yes No
6. Are there sufficient human resources? Yes No
7. Is there sufficient technical support? Yes No
8. Does your CHM receive sustainable funding? Yes No
9. Does your CHM have a strategy for implementation? Yes No

Technical and scientific cooperation

1. Does your country's CHM have collaborative initiatives with the research and academic sector?
Yes No
2. Does your country use the CHM to promote and facilitate biodiversity related projects? Yes
No
3. Does your country use the CHM to facilitate and promote national, regional and international
cooperation? Yes No
4. Does your country's CHM have collaborative projects with other similar mechanisms from other
countries? Yes No
5. Does your CHM have collaborative initiatives with other national or regional CHMs? Yes No
6. Does your CHM receive sustainable funding from your country? Yes No
7. Does your CHM organize capacity-building activities, including activities related to the raising of
institutional capacities? Yes No
8. Has your CHM developed policies with regard to its activities, information content on its website,
and use of networks? Yes No
9. Has your CHM contributed to institutional capacity building? Yes No

Information exchange

1. Does your CHM use software to compile statistics on use and navigation of the CHM website?
Yes No
2. Does your CHM use open and common formats, protocols and standards to assist with the interoperability of information? Yes No
3. Has your CHM published its formats, protocols and standards? Yes No
4. Has your CHM established agreements with other CHMs to make data interoperable? Yes No
5. Does your CHM website use metadata? Yes No Has it registered with the metadata management tool developed by the Bulgarian CHM? Yes No
6. Does your CHM website use the CBD or another controlled vocabulary for use as metadata descriptors? Yes No
7. Is your country satisfied with the quantity and quality of information provided through the CHM?
Yes No

Does your CHM contribute information to the CBD CHM? Yes No

8. Do relevant stakeholders use the CHM to communicate and develop collaborative projects? Yes
No
9. Does your CHM disseminate geo-referenced data and cartographic data? Yes No
10. Has your CHM expanded on its user base to include all relevant stakeholders? Yes No
11. Does your CHM disseminate information using non-electronic tools? Yes No

Network development

1. Has your CHM national focal point established communication mechanisms for your government or stakeholders? Yes No
2. Has your CHM participated in the development of networks (physical, logical and/or human)?
Yes No
3. Does your CHM participate actively in any existing networks? Yes No
4. Has your CHM developed a communications strategy? Yes No
5. Has your CHM developed any activities in support of communication, education and public awareness? Yes No
6. Has your CHM participated in activities to develop a regional CHM? Yes No
7. Has your CHM contributed expertise or other resources to capacity building activities or network development? Yes No

8. Has your CHM participated actively in CHM related meetings and workshops? Yes No
9. Would your CHM be able to contribute expertise of other resources to network development or capacity building activities? Yes No

Does your CHM have activities related to the programme areas and cross-cutting issues of the Convention?

Programme Areas

Agricultural Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Dry and Sub-Humid Lands Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Forest Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Inland Waters Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Island Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Marine and Coastal Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Mountain Biodiversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Cross-Cutting Issues

Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Biological Diversity and Tourism *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Climate Change and Biological Diversity *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Economics, Trade and Incentive Measures *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Ecosystem Approach *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Global Taxonomy Initiative *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Impact Assessment *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Indicators *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Liability and Redress - Article 14(2) *Many Some Few* [Comments:]

Protected Areas *Many Some Few [Comments:]*

Public Education and Awareness *Many Some Few [Comments:]*

Sustainable Use of Biodiversity *Many Some Few [Comments:]*

Technology Transfer and Cooperation *Many Some Few [Comments:]*

Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices *Many Some Few [Comments:]*

2010 Biodiversity Target *Many Some Few [Comments:]*