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NOTIFICATION

Review of draft second Global Biodiversity Outlook

The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 8 (a) of decision VII/30, requested the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) and other relevant international organizations, to prepare the second Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-2) for publication prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties following peer-review and review by SBSTTA at its tenth or eleventh meeting.

A draft of the Executive Summary for GBO-2 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/6), is now available as an official document in six languages at the page for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-11) (<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=SBSTTA-11>). A draft of the full document is available at the same site under information documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/14). This document is available in English only.

I invite you to review these two documents and to send your comments to secretariat@biodiv.org not later than **4 December 2005**. In your review you may wish to make observations on the structure and contents of the documents and to point out factual errors. In particular, you may wish to consider whether you can make available any additional data and information of relevance, including recent data, figures and maps that have not been reflected in the current draft. At this time, I suggest that your remarks not be directed to the correction of minor editorial, grammatical and spelling mistakes.

In your comments, please clearly indicate whether your observations are of general nature or pertain to a specific section of the document. In the latter case please specify which document and – if applicable – which language version your comments refer to and, where possible, indicate page number and line number together with possible text suggestions. Please do not send a marked up version of the documents.

Your comments and observations, together with those made by delegates of SBSTTA-11, will be considered in the preparation of the final version of GBO-2.

I look forward to receiving your response and thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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