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8 November 2005

Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

Communications received in response to SBSTTA recommendation X/8 on the development of definitions relating to incentive measures

The purpose of this Notification is to inform that the communications received by the Executive Secretary from Parties and international organizations on the development of definitions in the context of ongoing work on the removal or mitigation of perverse incentives are posted on the website at: www.biodiv.org.

At its tenth meeting, held from 7 to 11 February 2005 in Bangkok, Thailand, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) further considered the draft proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives and recommended that the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting:

(a) Considers the draft proposals included in the annex to the […]recommendation with a view to finalizing them, in conjunction with the outcomes of the consideration of positive incentives by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting;

(b) Considers development of definitions on the basis of suggestions put forward by Parties and relevant organizations before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.”

Further to this recommendation, the Executive Secretary sent Notifications 2005-028 and 2005-029 of 18 March 2005, conveying the invitation to Parties and relevant international organizations to submit their suggestions on the development of definitions.

The Executive Secretary has subsequently received four communications, from Argentina, India, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). These communications will be compiled in a document for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

To: CBD National Focal Points,
Relevant International Organizations
In order to make the suggestions provided in the communications available as soon as possible, the full texts of the communications are posted on the Secretariat’s website at: http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/incentives/communications.shtml.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary