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## Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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### NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Decision VIII/18 on Guidance to the Financial Mechanism: Consultation with the Parties on opportunities for streamlining the guidance**

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, in decision VIII/18 (Guidance to the financial mechanism), paragraph 6, the Conference of the Parties requested “the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Parties, to explore opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility taking into account the framework for goals and targets in decision VII/30 as well as indicators for assessing progress toward the achievement of the 2010 target and to present the results to the Conference of the Parties through the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention”.

Accordingly I would appreciate receiving the views of your government in response to the COP8 decision. As set out in decision VIII/18, the opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility will be first considered by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention, and then by the Conference of the Parties. In order to facilitate timely preparation of relevant documentation, I would greatly appreciate receiving your submission in this regard by **31 December 2006**.

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

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