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NOTIFICATION

Financial Support for the Preparation of the Fourth National Reports

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to Notification 2006-083 (Ref. ITS/NR/LC/MC/55455), dated 28 July 2006, by which Parties were requested, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Decision VIII/14, to submit their fourth national reports by **30 March 2009**, I would like to advise eligible Parties that financial support has been made available from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through a medium-sized project jointly managed by UNDP and UNEP for national assessment of progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target, including the preparation of the fourth national reports.

In order to apply for funds, a request from national focal points, together with a letter of endorsement from the national GEF Operational Focal Point, should be sent to UNDP offices in your country or region. In submitting the country request, Parties are invited to use the appropriate project templates or forms required for approval of funds, which are available at www.cbd.int/reports/financial.shtml. If you have any question in this regard, you may kindly contact the Secretariat directly, or the Environment Focal Point of UNDP offices in your country or region.

As noted by the recently concluded SBSTTA 12 and WGRI 2, timely submission of the fourth national report is crucial for reviewing progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target and preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your country to initiate preparation of the fourth national report, and to apply for funds as soon as possible. If any Party anticipates difficulties in meeting the above-mentioned deadline for submission, kindly advise the Secretariat in advance.

I wish to remind Parties that guidelines for the fourth national report, which are available on the Convention's website at www.cbd.int/reports/guidelines.shtml, should be used. An introductory module on preparation of national reports is also available at the same location.

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

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