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## NOTIFICATION

### Request for submissions of proposals for new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity

#### Extension of deadline

Dear Madam/Sir,

During its last meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision IX/29<sup>1</sup> which contains the procedure for identifying and addressing new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The decision includes the information to incorporate (section B, paragraph 9) and the criteria to use (section B, paragraph 10) in the identification of potential new and emerging issues.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to notify Parties and relevant organizations after each meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the latest date by which proposals for new and emerging issues should be submitted and to compile the submissions in the form in which they would be received.

In accordance with this decision, I invite Parties to submit proposals on new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity to the Secretariat ([secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or fax +1-514-288-6588). Following the request by some Parties to extend the deadline, the new deadline for submission is now set at **no later than 31 December 2008**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

<sup>1</sup> The COP 9 decisions are available at <http://www.cbd.int/decisions/>

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