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NOTIFICATION

Regional Workshop for Europe on the Fourth National Report (London, UK, 28 to 30 June 2010)

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, in its decision VIII/14, stated that Parties shall submit the fourth national report by 30 March 2009. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the support to Parties for the preparation of national reports, including through organizing regional workshops in this regard.

However, our records show that your country is yet to submit the fourth national report and it is imperative to have reports from all the Parties for reviewing progress towards the 2010 target, which is an issue that will be undertaken at the third meeting of the Working Group on Review of the Implementation (24-28 May 2010) and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (18-29 October 2010).

In response to the request above, I am therefore pleased to announce that, with the generous support of the Government of Japan and the kind collaboration of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, a workshop will be held from **28 to 30 June 2010** in **London, the United Kingdom** for some European countries listed below. I believe that this workshop will facilitate the submission of the fourth national reports of these countries.

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to nominate an officer or expert responsible for preparing your country's fourth national report, by no later than **17 May 2010**. In doing so, I would like to emphasize that the nominee should be the officer or expert deeply involved in the preparation of the fourth national report and in a position to revise and/or finalize the report within four weeks after the workshop. To make this workshop as productive and useful as possible, all participating countries are required to provide to the Secretariat a draft of their fourth national report by **11 June 2010** and to also bring this draft to the workshop for review.

To: CBD National Focal Points of the following countries:
Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, FYR
Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Serbia,
Ukraine

The working language of the workshop will be English. The documents of the workshop will be made available in due course.

One participant from eligible countries will be financially supported to attend this workshop. This covers round-trip economy-class air tickets, hotel accommodation and part of daily subsistence allowances to cover meals and incidentals.

I look forward to receiving your nomination and, more importantly, your country's fourth national report soon. We thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

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

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary