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## NOTIFICATION

### Nomination for the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 5 of decision X/7, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, pending the availability of the necessary financial resources, to convene a meeting, at the earliest opportunity, of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Indicators for the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to its fifteenth meeting. I am pleased to announce that preparations for this meeting are underway.

It is anticipated that the meeting of the AHTEG will take place in June 2011. A five-day meeting, linked to a larger expert meeting, is envisaged. The meeting will be conducted in English. Further information will be made available as arrangements are finalized.

I hereby invite Parties, other governments, and relevant organizations to submit the name of an expert who may be called upon to participate in the AHTEG. When submitting a nomination please provide the name and full contact details of your nominee, as well as a *curriculum vitae* that clearly indicates her/his areas of expertise, bearing in mind the mandate of the Group as specified in the terms of reference contained in decision X/7 and attached to this note. Nominations should be received **no later than 15 February 2011**.

The selection of experts will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account regional and gender balance as well as the instructions contained in paragraph 5 of decision X/7. Financial support will be provided to enable the participation of selected experts from eligible Parties to the Convention. Once the AHTEG members are selected, it is expected that their work will start by electronic means, coordinated through the Secretariat, before meeting face-to-face.

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, other governments, and relevant organizations

## *Annex 1*

### **PARAGRAPH 5 OF DECISION X/7 ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE OUTCOME-ORIENTED GOALS AND TARGETS AND ASSOCIATED INDICATORS AND CONSIDERATION OF THEIR POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PERIOD BEYOND 2010**

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of the necessary financial resources, to convene a meeting, at the earliest opportunity, of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which shall be established in accordance with the procedures outlined in the consolidated *modus operandi* of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (decision VIII/10, annex III), with full participation by developing countries, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, taking into account the need to draw upon the experience of the members of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and relevant international organizations, also building on the outcomes of the Reading workshop<sup>1</sup>, and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fifteenth meeting, as most appropriate to contribute to the functions of this body and in particular to the timely implementation, monitoring and review of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group has the following terms of reference:

(a) Provide advice on the further development of indicators agreed through decisions VII/30 and VIII/15 and the information contained in annex III of document note by the Executive Secretary on examination of the outcome-oriented goals and targets (and associated indicators) and consideration of their possible adjustment for the period beyond 2010 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/10) as well as in the table provided in the note by the Executive Secretary on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity: provisional technical rationale, possible indicators and suggested milestones for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets<sup>2</sup>, where necessary in the context of the updated Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

(b) Suggest additional indicators that have been, or could be, developed, where necessary, to constitute a coherent framework designed to assess progress towards targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, for which the current suite of indicators is not adequate, noting the lack of agreed indicators for ecosystem services, making use, where appropriate, of the indicators developed by other multilateral environmental agreements, organizations, or processes;

(c) Develop further guidance and propose options for the establishment of mechanisms to support Parties in their efforts to develop national indicators and associated biodiversity monitoring and reporting systems, in support of setting of targets, according to national priorities and capacities, and in the monitoring of progress towards them;

(d) Provide advice on the strengthening of linkages between global and national indicator development and reporting;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ind/emind-02/official/emind-02-0709-10-workshop-report-en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The updated note on provisional technical rationale, possible indicators and suggested milestones for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets is available as UNEP/CBD/COP/10/27/Add.1.