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NOTIFICATION

Further information regarding the designation of a Focal Point for the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing

Dear Madam/Sir,

As indicated in the letter to Ministers of the Environment (2010-220), dated 17 December, 2010, in decision X/1, paragraph 20, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to the Convention and other States and regional economic organizations to designate national focal points for the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (ICNP), in light of the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol, and to inform the Executive Secretary accordingly. The National Focal Point for the ICNP will replace the existing National Focal Point on Access and Benefit-sharing.

Therefore, the Secretariat welcomes the designation of focal points for the ICNP as soon as practicable on the understanding that such designation will supersede any prior designation of an ABS Focal Point. For countries that already have a National Focal Point for ABS please note that, in the absence of any communication on this matter by 31 March 2011, the Secretariat will consider that the National Focal Point on ABS has become *ipso facto* the National Focal Point for the ICNP.

The name and contact details of designated ICNP national focal points should be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to secretariat@cbd.int no later than **31 March 2011**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and ABS National Focal Points