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NOTIFICATION
Nomination of GTI Focal Points and terms of reference for such focal points

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 9 of decision VIII/3, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments that have not done so to establish national focal points for the GTI so that they can contribute to the implementation of the programme of work at the national level (decision VIII/3, paragraph 9a).

The current list of GTI National Focal Points is available at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/lists/nfp-gti.pdf> for your reference. I would like to encourage Parties and other Governments to submit their nominations for GTI National Focal Points if the focal point has not been selected. Similarly, if any substitutions or additions are made, please send updated information with the individual's name and coordinates to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int) no later than **31 August 2011**.

Although Parties determine the specific responsibilities of their focal points, GTI National Focal Points may have the following general responsibilities:

- Developing linkages and facilitating information exchange in order to advance the implementation of the GTI at national level;
- Responding to requests for input from the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat related to the GTI;
- Communicating and collaborating with other GTI National Focal Points to facilitate implementation of the GTI at sub-regional, regional and global levels;
- Collaborating with other national-level focal points for the Convention and focal points from other biodiversity-related conventions to facilitate implementation and mainstreaming of the GTI at national level, including promotion of the GTI in review of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans.

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

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