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NOTIFICATION
REMINDER AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINE
Nomination of GTI Focal Points and Terms of Reference for such Focal Points

Dear Madam/Sir,

This Notification serves to inform Parties and Governments that notification 2011-126, sent on 21 June 2011, invited Parties to nominate their national focal points for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI), as called for under the paragraph 3a of decision VIII/3. In order to allow for, and encourage, nominations from Parties and Governments who have not yet responded, the deadline is hereby extended to **30 September 2011**.

I wish to remind all Parties that 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 call upon remaining Parties and other Governments to kindly submit their nominations for GTI National Focal Points if a 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 the extended deadline of 30 September 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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Executive Secretary

To: CBD and SBSTTA focal points