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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject:** Peer Review of document “Supporting activities, programmes and initiatives for technology transfer and cooperation of relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity”

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 2 (a) of decision X/16, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other Governments, as well as relevant international organizations and initiatives, research institutions and the business sector, to submit to the Executive Secretary information on activities currently being undertaken by international, regional or national organizations and initiatives, including sectoral organizations and initiatives, which support, facilitate, regulate or promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation of relevance to the Convention, such as on:

- (i) Support for technology needs assessments and regulations, including capacity-building for technology assessments;
- (ii) Pertinent capacity-building and training courses;
- (iii) Pertinent seminars and symposia;
- (iv) Information dissemination;
- (v) Other implementation activities including match-making and catalysing or facilitating the establishment of research-centre networks, alliances or consortia, joint ventures, twinning arrangements, or other proven mechanisms, on technologies of relevance to the Convention.

In paragraph 2 (b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested analysis and dissemination of this information through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other communication mechanisms, with a view to providing concrete and practical information as well as best practices on ongoing activities that support, facilitate, or promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation of relevance to the Convention, and to identify gaps in existing work as well as opportunities to fill these gaps and/or promote synergies.

The information identified, pursuant to this decision, is made available in the form of a searchable database under the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention at <http://www.cbd.int/tech-transfer/gapanalysis.shtml>. The link also provides access to a document with additional information on the research methodology and an offline compilation of the information identified.

To: Relevant international organizations and initiatives

The information identified will provide the basis for an analytical document, which will include an identification of gaps in existing work, as well as opportunities to fill these gaps and/or promote synergies. So as to enable an effective analysis, relevant organizations and initiatives are kindly invited to review the information, available under the link above, against the mandate of decision X/16, and the research methodology described in the document. Comments and suggestions for amendments should be received **no later than 15 January 2012**, either by email at: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or by fax +1-514-288-6588.

Comments and inputs received will be taken into account in the revision and amendment of the database as well as the offline compilation, which will be submitted, together with the analytical document, to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

I wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary