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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Peer Review of document *Analysis of activities supporting 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 an analysis of the information received, including the identification of gaps in existing work as well as opportunities to fill these gaps and/or promote synergies. I am pleased to invite you to review the first draft of this analysis, which is made available under <https://www.cbd.int/tech-transfer/gapanalysis.shtml>. Comments and suggestions for amendments should be received no later than **19 March 2012**, either by email at: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax +1-514-288-6588.

Please note that the link provides access to a searchable database under the clearing house mechanism of the Convention, containing the information identified pursuant to the decision above. The

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link also provides access to a document which provides more information on the research methodology and an offline compilation of the information identified.

As requested in decision X/16, the offline compilation, together with the final analysis, will be submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, to be held from 8 to 19 October 2012 in Hyderabad, India.

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.

Brulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary