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NOTIFICATION

Submission of views on the discussion paper on Safeguards for Scaling-up Biodiversity Financing and Possible Guiding Principles

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you know, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI), at its fourth meeting in Montreal, Canada, requested regional and expert workshops to assist Parties in exploring relevant financing mechanisms, including guiding principles and safeguards, and in sharing national experiences on using the flexible reporting framework.

The first discussion paper on *Safeguards for Scaling-up Biodiversity Financing and Possible Guiding Principles* (UNEP CBD/COP/11/INF7) was circulated at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11) in Hyderabad, India. The Executive Secretary was requested to further develop the discussion paper based on comments from Parties, relevant stakeholders and initiatives such as the Quito Seminar Dialogue (Decision XI/4). In line with this decision, the compiled discussion paper will be presented at WGRI-5 in 2014, where Parties are expected to prepare a recommendation for consideration at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 12).

The seventh Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, to be held from 27 to 31 May 2013, offers an opportunity to advance understanding of this important issue in an informal setting, thus contributing to prepare for WGRI-5, which will follow one year later. Accordingly, Parties are invited to provide their views on the discussion paper, which will be presented by the Secretariat to the Trondheim Conference (<http://www.dirnat.no/content.ap?thisId=500046060>) and, at a later stage, for compilation as part of the pre-session documentation for WGRI-5. Submissions should be sent to secretariat@cbd.int at your earliest convenience.

Furthermore, Parties and relevant stakeholders are invited to designate a relevant national expert from the biodiversity and/or the economic planning sector to be interviewed and provide verbal comments on the topic.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and I look forward to receiving your submission.

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

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Enclosure

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