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NOTIFICATION

Consultation draft on enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national and international levels

Madam/Sir,

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its first meeting, requested the Executive Secretary to undertake further analysis of the outcomes of the Workshop on Synergies among the Biodiversity-related Conventions (UNEP/CBD/SBI/REC/1/8). In paragraph 5 of its recommendation, the Subsidiary Body requested the Executive Secretary “to refine, consolidate and streamline the outcomes of the workshop, including synergies that may be relevant between two or more of the biodiversity-related conventions as well as the Protocols to the Convention, including: (a) Options for actions by Parties which may include voluntary guidelines for synergies at the national level; (b) Options for action at the international level that includes a road map for the period 2017-2020 that prioritizes and sequences actions and identifies actors and potential mechanisms involved”.

The Subsidiary Body requested the Executive Secretary to consult with the Informal Advisory Group established under decision XII/6 of the Conference of the Parties, the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and Parties to the biodiversity-related conventions through appropriate channels.

In line with the above, the Secretariat prepared a consultation draft on enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national and international levels. I am pleased to invite Parties to provide views and comments on the consultation draft as soon as possible and **no later than 30 September 2016**. The consultation draft is available at the following URL: <https://www.cbd.int/cop13/review>. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by e-mail (secretariat@cbd.int) or by fax (+1 514 288 6588).

Taking into account the inputs received from Parties as well as other conventions through appropriate channels, the document will be finalized and made available for consideration by the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held from 4 to 17 December 2016 in Cancun, Mexico.

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

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