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NOTIFICATION

GEF Support for the Preparation of the Interim National Reports on the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Madam/Sir,

Further to notification 2017-017, dated 23 February 2017, inviting the submission of interim national reports on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, I am pleased to inform you that UN Environment is preparing a project for funding by the Global Environment Facility to assist eligible Parties in the preparation of their reports.

Therefore, I wish to invite all eligible Parties to contact UN Environment through Mr. Alex Owusu-Biney, by e-mail at alex.owusu-biney@unep.org, as soon as possible, to request funding in support of the preparation of their reports.

I also wish to reiterate the importance of completing and submitting the interim national reports before the deadline of **1 November 2017**. The information contained in the interim national reports will provide a key source of information for the first assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol as well as other issues for consideration by the Compliance Committee, the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

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

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Executive Secretary

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