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NOTIFICATION

Revised arrangements for the meetings of SBSTTA 24 and SBI 3

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to Notification [2020-050](#) issued on 14 July 2020, by which the Secretariat informed you about preliminary arrangements made to convene SBSTTA 24 and SBI 3 on 2-7 November and 9-14 November 2020, respectively, bearing in mind that further adjustments may be required.

In light of the ongoing uncertainties caused by the pandemic, it is now clear that it will not be possible to convene any large physical intergovernmental meeting this year. Accordingly, following consultation with the Bureaux of the COP and SBSTTA and the Chair of SBI, it has been agreed that:

- a. The physical meetings of SBSTTA 24 and SBI 3 will be held in the first quarter of 2021 conditions allowing.
- b. The respective Chairs and the Bureaux, together with the Secretariat, will consider options for virtual discussions on the planned dates in November. Further information will be provided in this regard in due course, including on the allocation of agenda items and the modalities, should this option be pursued.

Once again, the Secretariat would like to reassure all Parties and the CBD community that it will continue to monitor further developments, in light of the current situation and will keep all updated on any changes and adjustments that may become necessary.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Point, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

cc: Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points

