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NOTIFICATION

Updated draft documents on the establishment of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Fund by the Global Environment Facility

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification [2023-041](#), we are pleased to provide updated drafts of the documents being prepared by the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) concerning the establishment of a GEF trust fund to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) pursuant to decisions [15/7](#) and [15/15](#), namely:

- (i) Establishment of a Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;
- (ii) Programming Directions for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund.

The documents have been revised in light of the discussions held at the consultative meeting of the GEF Council Members on 19-20 April 2023 and comments received on the initial drafts. They have been circulated by the GEF Secretariat to the GEF Council Members for discussion at a second consultation to be held on 24 May 2023. In light of those discussions, final drafts will be prepared and published at the end of May 2023 for consideration by the GEF Council at its sixty-fourth meeting, that will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 26 to 30 June 2023.

While appreciating the tight timeline, we would like to encourage national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols to review the draft documents and share their views with their GEF focal points and, as appropriate, the Council Members representing their GEF constituencies. The list of GEF focal points is available at: <https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/focal-points>, and the list of constituencies, Council Members and Alternates is available at: <https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/gef-council/members-alternates>.

Considering the importance of the GBF Fund, we would like to encourage all national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols to liaise with their GEF focal points and to engage proactively in this consultation process.

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

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Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points