

NOTIFICATION

Invitation to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

As foreseen in [Article 20](#) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a list of developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties, was adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting (decision I/2, paragraph 1 and Annex II). An updated list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties was adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting (decision [VIII/18](#), paragraph 1 and Annex) and is attached to the present notification.

In decision [15/7](#), paragraph 47 (b) of the Conference of the Parties, on resource mobilization, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary “to issue a notification inviting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to consider, taking into account national circumstances, whether they are in a position to voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, and, if so, to indicate this to the Executive Secretary”.

Accordingly, I invite Parties, including developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to review the attached list and indicate if they would like to be included in this list. We would appreciate receiving your indication at your earliest convenience and not later than **15 December 2023**. In line with paragraph 47 (c) of decision 15/7, the Secretariat will compile indications received for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

I would like to thank Parties in advance for their cooperation in this matter, and for their continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points



Annex

**List of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
(as per COP decision V111/18, Annex, 2006)**

Australia	Austria
Belgium	Canada
Czech Republic	Denmark
Finland	France
Germany	Greece
Iceland	Ireland
Italy	Japan
Luxembourg	Monaco
Netherlands	New Zealand
Norway	Portugal
Slovenia	Spain
Sweden	Switzerland
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
