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**Notification of a Scoping Study Underway to Review the Feasibility of the Adopted Indicators for
Implementation of the Strategy on Resource Mobilization of the Convention on Biological
Diversity**

Dear Executive Secretary,

In the CBD Notification dated the 18th March 2011, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, and civil society organizations to submit views and comments on the 15 indicators identified in paragraph 7 of decision X/3 by 31 July 2011. This is a combined letter from the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finnish Ministry of the Environment and the UK Department of Environmental and Rural Affairs (Defra), to announce that financial support has been provided for a scoping study review to be undertaken on the 15 adopted indicators.

The study is being conducted by UNEP-WCMC and will review the feasibility of the adopted indicators by assessing the availability of data at different scales, the existing capacity for indicator reporting, and the lessons learnt from similar processes. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the study has been provided along with this letter. The CBD Secretariat has already been notified of the work and various staff members form part of a specialist advisory group for the study.

A first draft report of the scoping study will be available at the beginning of September 2011 and will be directly shared with the Executive Secretary so that it may feed into consultations regarding the adopted indicators. We hope that this useful report will significantly assist the Executive Secretary in providing methodological guidance on the indicators, as stated in paragraph 8(d).

Warm regards,



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