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Subject: Decision X/16: Technology transfer and cooperation

Dear Ms Dosen,

regarding the notification on CBD COP Decision X/16 on Technology Transfer and Cooperation, I am happy to provide you with the following information relevant to the elements contained in paragraph 2 (a) of that decision:

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation at the request of the Conference of the Parties recently undertook a review and assessment of the effectiveness of the implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 1(c) and 5, of the Convention. The associated review report (FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.4) contains a wealth of information on activities undertaken to support the implementation of the Articles of the UNFCCC relevant to technology development and transfer.

You may also wish to take into account the activities of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer which has undertaken a wide range of analytical and policy work related to technology development and transfer. Please find this information available at <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/jsp/index.jsp>. In particular the recommendations of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer for enhancing the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention may be of relevance (FCCC/SBSTA/2006/INF.4).

More recently the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties at its 16th session established a new Technology Mechanism which is expected to facilitate enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation. The Mechanism consists of two key components: a Technology Executive Committee and a Climate Technology Centre and Network. The Technology Executive Committee has been formally constituted and once the process of nominating members by regional groups has concluded the Technology Executive Committee will begin its operations. The Climate Technology Centre and Network remains under negotiation, with an expectation that it will become fully operational in 2012. A report on an expert workshop on the Technology Mechanism, held in conjunction with the 14th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention will be made available in May as document FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/INF.2.

I also wish to inform you that the secretariat at the request of the Conference of the Parties will be holding a workshop among Parties and relevant organizations on 1-2 June 2011 on Technology Needs Assessments. The objectives of the workshop are (i) to share best practices and lessons learned with conducting TNAs with non-Annex I Parties, (ii) to identify specific needs and practical actions that could assist Parties in implementing the results of TNAs, and (iii) to discuss possible roles of TNAs in the context of the implementation of the Technology Mechanism established at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. In addition, the workshop will also provide an opportunity for countries' experts to exchange views with representatives from the private sector in particular the financial community on possible ways to enhance access to funding for the implementation of the results of TNAs.

Yours sincerely,

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