NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision VIII/29: Liability and Redress (Article 14, paragraph 2) - Examples of national/domestic legislation and case-studies

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision VIII/29 adopted by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-8) to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 20 to 31 March 2006. By paragraph 2 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties “invites Parties and other Governments to submit to the Executive Secretary examples of national/domestic legislation and case-studies relating to liability and redress for damage to biological diversity, including approaches to valuation and restoration, and requests the Executive Secretary to compile this information and disseminate it through the clearing-house mechanism.”

I would be grateful if you could provide copies of national/domestic legislation as well as examples of case-studies and other relevant information on these issues to the Secretariat by 29 September 2006. The information will be compiled by the Secretariat and a first draft circulated to Parties and Governments in early 2007 and the final draft disseminated through the clearing-house mechanism.

In order to comply with the requirements relating to early distribution of documentation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, your cooperation and prompt response in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaf
Executive Secretary

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