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## NOTIFICATION

### Reminder - Updating or Revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to draw the attention of Parties to the Convention and other Governments to the fact that to date, the Secretariat has received only 4 contributions for the updating and/or revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) from the following Governments: Canada, France on behalf of the European Union,, Qatar and Japan. Furthermore, 6 submissions have been received from observers. In response to this initial call for submissions of views or comments on the Strategic Plan, an Electronic Forum was created on the CBD website to facilitate the gathering and sharing of views on the Strategic Plan among a wider range of stakeholders in an informal way. All these views, together with the views solicited through the notifications, would enable the Secretariat to prepare a synthesis/analysis of issues relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan, drawing upon the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Add.1), submissions of Parties and observers, the fourth national reports, the results of the in-depth reviews of the Convention's programmes of work, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and other material gathered for the preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

But, considering the very small number of contributions to both the notification and the e-Forum, the Secretariat would like to reiterate the importance of providing submissions or views in response to paragraph 6 of decision IX/9. Considering the importance of the Strategic Plan for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and COP decisions including the programmes of work, Parties and other Governments are urged and encouraged to participate, **as soon as possible but not later than 07 May 2009**.

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

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Executive Secretary

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