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## NOTIFICATION

### Decision X/16 on Technology transfer and cooperation

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this Notification is to request your assistance to identify gaps in the work of existing processes and initiatives on technology transfer and cooperation, with a view to fill these gaps and/or promote synergies with a prospective Biodiversity Technology Initiative.

The Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, held from 18-29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, adopted decision X/16 on technology transfer and cooperation. In paragraph 2 (a) of this decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other Governments, as well as relevant international organizations and initiatives, research institutions and the business sector, “to submit to the Executive Secretary information on activities currently being undertaken by international, regional or national organizations and initiatives, including sectoral organizations and initiatives, which support, facilitate, regulate or promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation of relevance to the Convention, such as on:

- i. *Support for technology needs assessments and regulations, including capacity-building for technology assessments;*
- ii. *Pertinent capacity-building and training courses;*
- iii. *Pertinent seminars and symposia;*
- iv. *Information dissemination;*
- v. *Other implementation activities including match-making and catalysing or facilitating the establishment of research-centre networks, alliances or consortia, joint ventures, twinning arrangements, or other proven mechanisms, on technologies of relevance to the Convention.”*

As per paragraph 2 (b) of the decision, this information will be analyzed and disseminated through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, and other communication mechanisms, with a view to providing concrete and practical information as well as best practices on ongoing

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activities that support, facilitate, or promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation of relevance to the Convention. It will also be used to identify gaps in existing work as well as opportunities to fill these gaps and/or promote synergies, with a view to facilitate the further consideration of supporting the establishment of a Biodiversity Technology Initiative (paragraph 2 (c) of the decision).

Please submit any relevant information along the lines provided above at your earliest convenience but **no later than 1 May 2011**.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghla  
Executive Secretary