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NOTIFICATION

Submission of updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to follow up on Notification 2016-068 of 27 May 2016, referencing [recommendation I/1](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) on progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

In this notification, Parties that had not yet submitted their updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (and fifth national report) to the Secretariat were invited to do so by 30 June 2016, so that they could be considered in the updated analysis of progress being prepared for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13).

I strongly urge all Parties to which the above situation applies to do whatever is possible to finalize their national biodiversity strategy and action plan at the earliest opportunity, and to submit this document to the Secretariat before COP 13. We believe that the sooner Parties have adopted and commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan, the more contributions that Parties will make to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

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

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