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NOTIFICATION

National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to follow up on requests to Parties contained in decision XIII/1 of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in Cancun, Mexico, from 4 to 17 December 2016, concerning national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs).

Paragraph 10 of the decision “*Urges* those Parties that have not yet done so to update and implement their national or regional biodiversity strategies and action plans as soon as possible, in keeping with decision XI/2”. In addition, paragraph 17 of the decision “*Encourages* Parties to ensure that national biodiversity strategies and action plans are adopted as policy instruments, as appropriate, with a view to enabling the mainstreaming of biodiversity at all relevant levels across political, economic and social sectors”.

In light of the above, I strongly urge relevant countries to do whatever is possible to facilitate the approval and submission of their NBSAP at the earliest possible opportunity. I also urge countries that have not yet adopted their NBSAP as a policy instrument (in accordance with Aichi Biodiversity Target 17) to do so, and to advise the Secretariat of this development after a relevant domestic process is completed.

Lastly, allow me to convey my best wishes to you, your family and colleagues for the New Year 2017, and my gratitude for your support for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points

