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NOTIFICATION

International expert workshop on the removal and mitigation of perverse, and the promotion of positive, incentive measures

Dear Sir/Madam,

In paragraph 6 of decision IX/6, on incentive measures, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene an international workshop on the removal and mitigation of perverse, and the promotion of positive, incentive measures. The workshop shall consist of government-nominated practitioners with balanced regional representation, as well as experts from relevant organizations and stakeholders. The mandate of the workshop is to:

(i) collect, exchange and analyse information, including case-studies on, good practices for, and lessons learned from, concrete and practical experiences in identifying and removing or mitigating perverse incentive measures, and to

(ii) identify a limited number of good practice cases from different regions, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for review by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile and analyse relevant information, including analyses and studies from relevant international organizations, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, on the impacts of positive and perverse incentive measures, to disseminate this information through the clearing house mechanism of the Convention, and to make it available to the workshop on the removal and mitigation of perverse incentive measures.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Secretariat is convening the international expert workshop tentatively on 6-8 October 2009. The confirmed date and the venue will be communicated in due course.

I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **22 June 2009**, an expert who can participate in the workshop. The selection of government-nominated experts will be based on practical expertise and experience, taking into account equitable regional participation, as well as gender balance.

I also invite you to submit any relevant information, including analyses and studies, which would be of use for the work of the experts, also no later than **22 June 2009**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD NFPs, relevant international organizations and stakeholders

