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**NOTIFICATION**

**Electronic consultation on the draft international guidelines  
for activities related to sustainable tourism development.**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to inform you that an electronic consultation on the draft international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development is being launched by the Secretariat, in accordance with recommendation VII/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

At its seventh meeting SBSTTA noted the results of the Workshop on Biological Diversity and Tourism held in Santo Domingo, containing elements for “Guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile and riparian and mountain ecosystems”. In this regard, the meeting requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, “to organize an electronic consultation inviting further reactions to the text” of the draft guidelines.

I am pleased to invite your Government to submit your comments to the following electronic mail address: [tourism@biodiv.org](mailto:tourism@biodiv.org). The Secretariat will compile comments received and forward them to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. Please note that, in order to transmit the findings of the consultation in due time for COP-6, comments should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **31 December 2001**.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary