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NOTIFICATION

Decision VI/11: Liability and Redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision VI/11 adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity which took place in The Hague, The Netherlands, in April 2002. By paragraph 2 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue collecting relevant information and to conduct analysis of such information and other relevant issues, with the cooperation of Parties, Governments and relevant organizations, and to make such information and analysis available prior to convening the group of legal and technical experts established under paragraph 1 of the decision. The decision requires that such information gathering should focus, as appropriate, on:

- (a) updating the documentation on sectoral international and regional legal instruments dealing with activities which may cause damage to biological diversity (oil, chemicals, hazardous wastes, wildlife conventions, etc.), as well as developments in private international law;
- (b) national legal and policy frameworks allowing for mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments, access to justice, liability and redress (restitution, restoration and compensation), extra-judicial settlements, contractual agreements, etc.; and
- (c) case-studies pertaining to transboundary damage to biological diversity including but not limited to case law.

I would be grateful if you could provide relevant information on these issues to the Secretariat by **31 December 2002** so as to enable the Executive Secretary to prepare documentation for the meeting of the group of legal and technical experts scheduled for June 2003.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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