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Subject: Comments on the Updating or Revision on the Strategic Plan of the Convention

Dear Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif,

I would like to begin with expressing our appreciation to you for all your efforts in renewing the strategic plan of the Convention which will play an important role in leading the endeavour ahead for the implementation of this important Convention.

We are very sympathetic of some the views flagged in the synthesized document, in particular the following points:

1. promoting and making use of the eco-system approach;
2. emphasizing the interrelations between biodiversity, eco-system service and human welfare (including the poverty eradication);
3. mainstreaming the factor of biodiversity into the formulation of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, projects and strategic planning

In addition, we are of the further views that in the process of updating and revising the strategic plan, it would serve a good basis if efforts could be made to analyze to what extent the 2010 target has been achieved (including the reasons for success and failure). Also, it is important to use the data for highlighting the status quo of the present biodiversity as well as various factors threatening the biodiversity.

Furthermore, we would like to stress due consideration should be given to the following aspects:

1. The updated strategic plan should be aiming at facilitating the realization of the three

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- objectives of the Convention;
2. The strategic plan should be well targeted and focused, and it would be advisable to set out the guiding principles for removing the obstacles preventing the realization of the three objectives of the Convention, particularly how to improve the capacity of the developing country parties for the implementation of the Convention.
 3. The new strategy should uphold the spirits and principles of the Convention, i.e. the developed country should bear more obligations and responsibilities and more efforts should be made by the developed countries to provide new and additional financial resources and promote the technology transfer on preferential terms;
 4. The new strategy plan should emphasize further efforts for in-situ conservation of biodiversity while due consideration be given to ex-situ conservation.

We hope these comments would be helpful to contribute to the successful renewal of the strategic plan.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Regards.


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