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MEMORANDUM

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From:	Achim Steiner Executive Director 	Ref:	2577/DELC/BP/sm
Subject:	<u>Notification (2008-144) to the CBD Parties on the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan.</u>		

Thank you for sharing the Notification (2008-144) to the CBD Parties where you request inputs on the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan.

Considering the level of implementation the Convention has reached, it is opportune to consider revising and updating the Strategic Plan to provide for better and stronger focus on achieving all the three objectives of the Convention. Since the Parties are currently preparing their Fourth National Report, it may be appropriate to encourage them to consider progress made in the implementation of the Convention using the current Strategic Plan. This will provide us with better in-sights to update the Plan.

The national, regional and global biodiversity agenda is witnessing changing dynamics whose linkages with climate change issues cannot be ignored. Consequently, the current revision and update of the Plan should include stronger links to cross-cutting issues that include south-south cooperation, technology transfer and provision for a stronger and long-term financial base for the implementation of the Convention at the different levels.

As you are aware, UNEP has worked closely with the Secretariat and the Parties to implement the Strategic Plan for the Convention. We have provided significant support in achieving several elements of the Strategic Plan including the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and activities related to capacity building on a range of issues from biosafety to biodiversity indicators. The 2010-13 Medium Term Strategy clearly identifies the links between the elements of the Strategic Plan and its thematic areas of focus ranging from links between climate change and biodiversity to environmental governance.

Given the importance of the Plan to the implementation of CBD, I have requested UNEP's Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (DELC) to prepare consolidated views of the UNEP Secretariat in response to the notification for your consideration in developing the revised and updated Strategic Plan in time for the CBD COP 10 meeting in Nagoya, Japan.

My best wishes in this important task.

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