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Subject: Re: CBD Notification 2009-064 - Updating or Revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention

Dear CBD Colleagues,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide further comments in the above context. With regard to the Strategic Plan we do not have any comments additional to the ones made already in the context of the on-line forum and the High-Level Working Group which took place in March, in Bonn.

With regard to the accompanying document UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/1, we have noted that in paragraph 43, UNFCCC-related information is inaccurately reflected (see bolded text below)

43. The updated and revised Strategic Plan should include a target for 2050 (long-term vision) and a target for 2020 (mission). Most submissions suggest that 2020 and 2050 are appropriate dates for such targets. They would also coincide with likely dates for reducing greenhouse gas emissions under the UNFCCC. Attached footnote 39: This timeline has also been proposed by the UK's House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee in their report on the 2010 Biodiversity Target (10 November 2008)

As this is a very sensitive issue in our process and we are concerned that Parties may react accordingly if they read the above, we would like to request you to correct this information along the following lines: "2050 and 2020 have now been consistently used as the years in discussions on long-term and mid-term targets. For consistency a similar time frame should help governments in making the necessary links", and to drop the attached footnote. We leave it up to you to either correct this sentence within the document or to display our comment accordingly. Thank you in advance.

As mentioned earlier, you are welcome to send documents with UNFCCC-related information prior to launching them so that we can contribute to ensuring that information is appropriately reflected.

With best regards,
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