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NOTIFICATION
Peer review of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*

Dear Madam/Sir,

You will recall that the Conference of the Parties, in decision XIII/29, decided to initiate the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and that the report should provide a concise final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and a basis for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. GBO-5 will be launched during the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24) in May 2020.

As part of the preparation process for GBO-5, I am pleased to inform you that a draft summary for policy makers and a complete draft of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5) are now available for review and for the information of SBSTTA-23. The draft summary for policy makers of GBO-5 was also made available to the SBSTTA-23 as document CBD/SBSTTA/23/2/ADD3. I invite you and your technical experts to participate in the peer review process. The draft report as well as review guidelines and template are accessible at <https://www.cbd.int/gbo5/review/>. Review comments should be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int no later than **6 January 2020**.

In addition, in decision XIII/29, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, to prepare a second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant partners. In response to this request, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network, the Centres of Distinction on Indigenous and Local Knowledge and the Forest Peoples Programme have prepared a draft of the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks* for peer review. Additional information on this draft will be accessible from the link above in due course.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Officer-in-Charge

To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

