NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/021

Geneva, 28 April 2014

CONCERNING:

Directory of wildlife enforcement network (WEN) focal points

1. In compliance with Decision 16.89 paragraph a), adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 16th meeting (Bangkok, 2013), the Secretariat convened a CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force in Nairobi, Kenya, on 28 and 29 October 2013. The Task Force developed strategies and proposed actions to improve international cooperation and to combat the growing trend in rhinoceros poaching and the associated illegal trade in rhinoceros horn.

2. A copy of the document containing the strategies and proposed actions was made available to Parties as an Annex to Notification to the Parties No. 2014/006, of 23 January 2014. In the section under "Strategies and actions", paragraph 4 is directed to the Secretariat and includes the following recommendation:

   The CITES Secretariat should:

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   d) Prepare and distribute a directory of WEN focal points, to facilitate increased collaboration at the subregional, regional and international levels.

3. The Directory of WEN focal points has been prepared by the Secretariat and is contained in the Annex to this Notification.

4. Parties are invited to distribute the Directory of WEN focal points within the law enforcement community.