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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES)

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***Promoting Private Sector Engagement
in the Biodiversity-Related Conventions***

Date: 6 June 2007
Time: 17:30 – 19:00
Room: Yangtze 2

A side event organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) BioTrade Initiative and an informal biodiversity-related conventions working group.

In late 2006, an informal working group of biodiversity-related conventions was established with the aim of providing a platform for discussion and exchange of experiences on issues related to the private sector, incentive measures and international trade.

Taking into account the relevance of private sector involvement in the CITES context, this side event will present preliminary results of the discussions that have taken place in this working group. A representative of the Uganda delegation will provide their perspective on promoting implementation of multilateral environmental agreements. The floor will then be open for comments and suggestions from the private sector and other stakeholders on ways to more actively engage businesses in the achieving the conventions' objectives.

Introduction by the Moderator

Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Programme Manager, BioTrade Facilitation Programme, UNCTAD

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Private Sector

Nicholas Bertrand, Focal Point for Private Sector, CBD Secretariat

CITES and the Private Sector

Juan Carlos Vasquez, Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and Trade Policy Unit, CITES Secretariat

Commentary by member of the Ugandan delegation to the CITES CoP

Comments from the floor by private sector participants to the CoP

General questions and comments