

Notification 2015/003

14 April 2015**NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES****IMPLEMENTATION OF UMOJA**

As part of a United Nations–wide initiative (as per Resolution A/RES/63/262 of the UN General Assembly in 2008), the Secretariats of CMS (and its MOUs), AEWA, ASCOBANS and EUROBATS will be implementing a new enterprise resource planning system named ‘Umoja’ with effect from 1 June 2015. Umoja will integrate the management of all administrative processes across the UN, including finance/accounting, procurement, human resources, supply chain management, central support services and other core functions. The objective is to modernize the United Nations’ technology, tools and processes.

The Secretariats wish to alert Parties to possible delays in the provision of some of its services in the coming months.

Prior to the deployment, there is a scheduled blackout period during the last two weeks of May 2015. During this time, no financial transactions will be possible. Both before and after this period, there may be disruptions and delays in the processing of travel, drafting of contracts, processing of payments and other functions which may affect the Parties, implementing partners and other organizations that the Secretariats deal with.

The Secretariats would like to thank their Parties and partners in advance for their patience and understanding during the introduction of Umoja.