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Referring to your questionnaire dated 12.4.2010 we would like to inform you of the following:

- 1) All the population has access to a good quality drinking water which is supplied by the local Water Board or local authorities accordingly. The economic development of Cyprus ensures generally, a good quality of life. However, the east coast of the island is affected by biodiversity loss due to the rapid development and infrastructure. In the same area the underground water has been affected by over-pumping and agriculture fertilizers.
- 2) Cyprus has designated the Natura 2000 sites according to the Nature Directives and has proceeded with the preparation of management plans of these areas. In addition, research related with species and habitats are carried out in order to enhance the knowledge around the status of biodiversity and conserve it.
- 3) There are monitoring plans for both species and habitats which can ensure decision making and implementation of the conservation of biodiversity.

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact with me.

Sincerely,

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for Acting Director

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