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Excellency,

We wish to convey our gratitude and appreciation for the contribution made by you personally and by your delegation to the success of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, held in Hyderabad, in October 2012.

The spirit of cooperation and willingness to compromise displayed by your delegation during the deliberations was instrumental in arriving at a consensus, especially on the single most important unfinished task, namely, the mobilisation of resources for biodiversity. The agreement reached in Hyderabad on this and several other key issues demonstrates the determination and strong commitment of Parties towards implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and its Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2011-2020.

You will recall that, at CoP-11, the Executive Secretary called for urgent actions from Parties and other stakeholders towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets within the time frame set at CoP-10 and strive to become one of the "Biodiversity Champions".

As a Party, committed to the objectives of the Convention, it is our firm belief that your country may have already committed or plans to commit the needed financial, technical and technological resources towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity targets, at the national, regional or international levels. The intention behind the Hyderabad Call is to highlight your commitment to biodiversity, and to spur all stakeholders to commit resources towards biodiversity in the spirit of decision XI/4. You may also recall that during the inauguration of the CoP-11 High Level Segment, on 16 October 2012, the Prime Minister of India earmarked the sum of USD 50 million towards strengthening institutional mechanisms, enhance technical and human capabilities for biodiversity conservation in India, and to promote similar capacity building in other developing countries during the COP Presidency of India.

We take this opportunity to invite you to be a 'Biodiversity Champion' in response to the Hyderabad Call for Action on Biodiversity, by pledging support for biodiversity at national, regional or global levels for one or more of the Aichi Targets. We urge you to forward your country's pledge in writing through an official letter to the CBD Executive Secretary. The pledges would be made available on the website of the CBD. More information is available at <http://www.cbd.int/champions/>

We count on your continued support and cooperation in advancing the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols.

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