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**HOSTING OF THE FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES AND THE CORRESPONDING MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CARTAGENA AND NAGOYA PROTOCOLS**

**LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 2016 FROM THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF
EGYPT ADDRESSED TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

1. The Executive Secretary has the honour to transmit to the Conference of the Parties a letter from the Minister of the Environment of Egypt.

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Egyptian Ministry of Environment

Dr. Braulio Dias,
Executive Secretary,
Convention on Biological Diversity.

2 December 2016

Dear Dr. Dias,

I have the honor to refer to the official offer of the Government of Egypt, endorsed by the 6th Special Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (**AMCEN**), to host the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD - COP 14) and its two protocol submitted on 30 November 2015 in which the Egyptian Government committed itself to fulfilling the logistical, financial, technical and security requirements to host the meetings. As indicated, in the offer, the Government is committed to bear the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved in holding the meetings in Egypt rather than at the seat of the Secretariat including, but not be restricted to, the actual additional costs of travel and entitlements of the Secretariat staff and designated officials.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that in addition to the commitments reflected in our offer to host CBD - COP 14, the Egyptian Government after further consideration is prepared to support the participation of two representatives from developing countries Parties, in particular the least developed countries and Small Island developing states (SIDS) among them, one from the



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environment and one from the relevant finance department with the aim to promote effective implementation of mainstreaming of biodiversity activities. Furthermore, the Egyptian Government is also prepared to support the participation of 5 African non-governmental organizations.

To conclude, allow me to assure you that once a decision is taken to host CBD - COP 14 in Sharm EL Sheikh, the Egyptian Government will spare no effort or expense to ensure a successful and fruitful conference.

Please accept, Mr. Executive Secretary, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khaled Fahmy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Khaled Fahmy

Minister of the Environment