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NOTIFICATION

Meeting of the “Friends of the Convention on Biological Diversity”, 14 – 15 August 2014

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to provide you with information about a meeting of the “Friends of the Convention on Biological Diversity” to take place in Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland, on 14 - 15 August 2014.

With the generous financial support of the Government of Switzerland and co-sponsored by the Governments of India and the Republic of Korea, the meeting will bring together, amongst others, members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the incoming COP President, as well as representatives of international organizations, non-governmental organizations, indigenous and local communities and the scientific community. A list of participants is attached for information.

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its fifth meeting recommended that the Conference of Parties consider incorporating key decisions taken at its twelfth meeting in a wider package of decisions that could collectively be known as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap” for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Participants to the Kartause Ittingen meeting will be invited to engage in a facilitated discussion that will focus on implementation of the Strategic Plan, including through innovative partnerships. One session will focus on national-level implementation, including steps that can be taken to implement those elements that may be part of the “Pyeongchang Roadmap”. Another session will focus on actions that might be taken at the international level to help advance achievement of the Strategic Plan. This will include discussion of how to mainstream biodiversity in other international discussions, for instance, in the post-2015 agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process. A summary-record of the discussions will be made available to COP 12 as an information document.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Enclosure

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