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BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: A CBD CONTRIBUTION TO THE COPENHAGEN CLIMATE AGREEMENT

Montreal, 11 September 2009 – The 6,000 participants attending the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in May 2008, decided to establish an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change as a contribution to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009. Consequently, the Expert Group met twice—in London in October 2008 and in Helsinki in April 2009.

The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its meeting held in Strömstad, Sweden, on 10 September 2009 welcomed the finalization of the report of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change and authorized the Executive Secretary to issue it in the CBD Technical Series. The report will be reviewed by the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held in Nairobi in May 2010.

The report will be published as CBD Technical Series No.41, *Connecting Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation – Report of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change*.

Main messages in the report focus on:

- The impacts of climate change on biodiversity
- The role of biodiversity in climate change adaptation
- The links between biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and climate-change mitigation
- The ways and means to value biodiversity with regard to climate-change responses.

The report is the outcome of scientific and technical deliberations conducted by experts from 23 countries as well as United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and representatives from indigenous communities.

The purpose of the publication is to provide biodiversity-relevant information to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. As such, the report will be posted online in October with a printed version launched at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC to be held in Copenhagen from 7 to 18 December 2009. The main messages in the report will be translated into all United Nations languages.
