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AFRICA'S BIODIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Letter dated 14 November 2018 from the Minister of Environment of Egypt addressed to the Executive Secretary

As you know, the African Ministerial Summit on Biodiversity, which was held on 13 November 2018, adopted an African Ministerial Declaration on Biodiversity which includes the attached list of Africa's biodiversity priorities.

The Summit, in its Declaration, endorsed Africa's biodiversity priorities and requested the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols to consider these in the development and adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Therefore, I hereby request that Africa's biodiversity priorities be transmitted to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting under item 17 of the provisional agenda, "Long-term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, approaches to living in harmony with nature and preparation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework", so that they may be duly considered in the discussions. I also request that the report of the African Ministerial Summit on Biodiversity be provided as an information document to the Conference of the Parties.

(Signed) Yasmine Fouad
Minister of Environment of Egypt

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African Ministerial Summit on Biodiversity

Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 13 November 2018

Africa's biodiversity priorities

- Ecosystem restoration
 - Coastal and marine biodiversity and the blue economy
 - Invasive alien species
 - Access and benefit-sharing and traditional knowledge
 - Strategic environmental assessment (Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity)
 - Climate change and biodiversity
 - Mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant sectors
 - Natural capital accounting
 - Biosafety
 - Poaching and illegal wildlife trade
 - Enabling mechanisms for implementation:
 - Education, awareness-raising and knowledge management
 - Capacity-building
 - Technology transfer
 - Resource mobilization
 - Gender mainstreaming and youth engagement
 - Compliance and enforcement of environmental regulations
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