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Dear Mr. Dias,

Please allow me to share with you my appreciation for your acknowledgment of Bioversity International's pledge in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. It is a great honour for Bioversity International to be recognized as a Biodiversity Champion. This pledge inspires us to continue our work through the Bridging Agriculture and Conservation Initiative (BACI).

As requested, I have attached a brief update on the status of our BACI pledge. I look forward to the Biodiversity Champions session (14 October) and the opportunity for Bioversity International to speak on behalf of this initiative.

We thank you again for your support and recognition, and wish you success in hosting the high-level event. Should you have any questions please contact my Administrative Coordinator, Helen Thompson, h.thomspon@cgiar.org.

Yours sincerely

M. Ann Tutwiler

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Ann Tutwiler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the Director General.

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