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NOTIFICATION

Logo for the International Year of Biodiversity

Dear Madam / Sir,

I am very pleased to inform you that thanks to the generous financial support of the Government of Canada, the Secretariat has finalized the logo and the messaging for the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in close consultation with President of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9), as well as the incoming President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10).

The logo has been officially unveiled on 8 September 2009 in Strömstad, Sweden, at the occasion of the European Union meeting "Visions for biodiversity beyond 2010 - people, ecosystem services, and climate crisis", convened with the participation of the COP 9 Bureau, thanks to the financial support of Sweden.

The electronic version of the logo is now available in the six official languages of the United Nations on the CBD website at:

Arabic	http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-ar.zip
Chinese	http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-zh.zip
English	http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-en.zip
French	http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-fr.zip
Russian	http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-ru.zip
Spanish	http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-es.zip

I encourage all Parties and CBD partners to use the logo in their planned celebrations of this important event pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/219 which *“encourages United Nations departments, funds and programmes, the specialized agencies and regional commissions to fully support and participate, as appropriate, in the activities being envisaged for the observance of 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, under the auspices of the secretariat of the Convention”*.

To: All CBD Focal Points and International Organizations



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Indeed, the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity will coincide with the High Level Segment of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly to be held in September 2010, which offers a unique opportunity to redouble our efforts for the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary