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NOTIFICATION

Commemorative Stamps at the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am very pleased to inform you that the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has responded positively to the request of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Stamp Advisory Board has agreed to issue six definitive stamps on the occasion of the celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

In order to emulate this important awareness raising initiative, the focal points of the CBD are kindly invited to encourage their respective Post and Communication administration to issue national postage stamps to celebrate the biodiversity of their respective country while commemorating the International Year of Biodiversity.

I also have the pleasure of announcing that in collaboration with the United Nations Postal Administration, an exhibit of national stamps issued to celebrate the IYB will be mounted at the closing event of the International Year of Biodiversity to be held in December 2010 in Kanazawa, Japan, which will also coincide with the official launch of the 2011 the International Year of Forests 2011.

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

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To all CBD National Focal Points



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