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NOTIFICATION
International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010
21-27 August 2010, Aichi Prefecture, Japan

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Environment of Japan, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aichi Prefecture will, in continuing with the tradition of promoting youth involvement in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), co-host the International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010 with generous support from the Aeon Environment Foundation.

As you are aware, Japan will host the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) in October 2010. To celebrate the importance of youth participation in safeguarding biodiversity and to ensure a youth contribution to the CBD COP 10, the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aichi Prefecture, CBD Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme, Aeon Environment Foundation, and Nagoya City are supporting the International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010. The conference will bring together 100 youth from around the world and Japan, and will be held from 21-27 August 2010 in Aichi, Japan.

I encourage Parties to promote and support young candidates in their country to participate in this initiative. It is an excellent opportunity to promote communication among the leaders of tomorrow and to improve their awareness and understanding of biodiversity.

For more information about the International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010 and on how to apply to participate, please visit the website (www.biodic.go.jp/biodiversity/youth/call_e.html) or contact NBSAP@env.go.jp. Please note that all applications must be received by **6 May 2010**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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