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NOTIFICATION
Reporting on the International Day for Biological Diversity 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

Since its inception in 1993 by the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, the world has come together to pay homage to the rich diversity of life on Earth by celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB). With the passing of years, the annual day of observance and action gained global awareness through the efforts of the United Nations, governments, non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals bringing to the forefront innovative solutions to biodiversity crisis. Although every biodiversity day carries with it its own special significance, during this International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) the global celebrations reflected a greater cause for hope and a renewed sense of urgency to stop the loss of biodiversity and build a more sustainable future.

In light of the above, please accept from all of us here at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity our sincere appreciation and gratitude for making this year's IDB a tremendous success.

We invite governments, non-governmental organizations, and all other relevant partner organizations who have organized special events on the day, to share their IDB day activities with the Secretariat in order that these may be recorded and reflected in a booklet which will be widely disseminated to all our constituents at the high level meeting on biodiversity of the United Nations General Assembly, as well as form part of the reporting on IYB.

To ensure brevity, we ask that reports of country celebrations be limited to 300 words maximum. We do however encourage the submission of photographs and supporting materials, in order to best illustrate the diversity of activities. All IDB day information is to be sent to secretariat@cbd.int at your earliest convenience, but no later than **31 July 2010**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and International Organizations