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NOTIFICATION

COMPLETE SETS OF PRE-SESSION DOCUMENTS UPON REQUEST ONLY Nagoya, Japan

Dear Madam/Sir,

In line with trying to minimize the environmental impacts which inevitably result from meetings of this magnitude, the Secretariat would like to play its part in minimizing waste during the meetings in Nagoya.

In light of the above, the Secretariat would like to inform you that, in order reduce reproduction of Pre-Session documents that is often unclaimed, complete sets of pre-session documents for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 5) and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) will be made available only on CD-Rom.

Certain key documents, such as the provisional agenda and the annotations thereto, the compilation of draft decisions and the draft programme budget for the period 2011-2012, will, however, be distributed to delegations through their assigned pigeon-holes.

Delegations are therefore advised that they should bring their own sets of the other working documents and not to request additional copies from the documents distribution desk. Those delegations that are not in a position to bring their own copies of the documentation should inform the Secretariat to that effect, and arrangements will be made for a full set of working documents to be placed in their pigeon-hole in the language, or languages requested. Such requests should be made at their earliest convenience but no later than **17 September 2010**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaf
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, Biosafety National Focal Points, and International Organizations