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NOTIFICATION
Naturathlon 2010 – The Course of the World

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee will organize the “Naturathlon 2010 – The Course of the World”, to be held as a related event to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, similar to the “Naturathlon 2008 –The Course of the World” organized by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation of Germany for COP9 in Bonn, Germany.

The "Naturathlon" is the first sporting event organized in the context of a meeting of the COP and we hope that it will be continued in the future. It is an excellent opportunity to bring together delegates from all over the world to participate with the citizens of Japan, sharing one common goal – the importance of biodiversity - in a park blessed with natural beauty. The 10-km race will take place on Saturday, 16 October 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the EXPO 2005 Aichi Commemorative Park in Nagakute, a suburb of Nagoya. For more information, please visit the website at: <http://www.cop10.jp/expo/eng/naturathlon/>.

I kindly invite you to register your participation by sending an email to expo@cop10.jp by 10 October 2010, with the following information: your full name, address, email address, age, sex, and nationality.

We hope that “Naturathlon 2010 -The Course of the World” will set a new record by attracting international sport-enthusiastic participants from as many different countries as possible. After the sporting event, participants are welcome to take part in a social event including a talk show, a quiz show, booth exhibitions, as well as tree planting at the same venue.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: All CBD Focal Points, International Organizations, NGOs, ILCs