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Subject: **Designation of a Focal Point for the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing**

Excellency,

In decision X/1 of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan from 18 to 29 October 2010, Parties to the Convention and other States and regional economic integration organizations were urged to “designate, as soon as possible and no later than 31 March 2011, a focal point for the Intergovernmental Committee and to inform the Executive Secretary accordingly.”

As you are aware, the Protocol will be open for signature on 2 February 2011 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee will be held from 6 to 10 June 2011.

In accordance with decision X/1, I therefore kindly invite your Government to inform the Secretariat of your designated focal point for the Intergovernmental Committee at your earliest convenience and no later than **31 March 2011**. Designation of the focal points, containing their name and contact details, should be submitted through official letters addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).

I wish to thank you for your cooperation and for your support of the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

To: Ministers of the Environment of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity  
and the European Commissioner for the Environment