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NOTIFICATION

Forest Biodiversity – Theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity, 22 May 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

As we are passing the baton from the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 to the International Year of Forests 2011, I have the pleasure to inform you that the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity, 22 May 2011, will be *Forest Biodiversity*. I invite all Parties and relevant organizations to celebrate the beauty and bountifulness of our forests on this special day.

The Secretariat has produced a booklet entitled *Forest Biodiversity – Earth's Living Treasure*. It was launched at a ceremony to bridge the International Year of Biodiversity with the International Year of Forests, which was held in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan, on 18-19 December 2010 in the context of the closing ceremony of the International Year of Biodiversity.

The English version of the booklet is available at the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/idb/2011> and will be available in all the six official languages of the United Nations in early 2011.

I invite Parties that have already initiated activities to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity to keep the Secretariat informed of their plans, including activities organized by NGOs or other organizations, so that they may be included in the special pages of the CBD website devoted to worldwide celebrations.

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

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Executive Secretary

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