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NOTIFICATION

Signature of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

Dear Madam/Sir,

In accordance with decision X/1, paragraph 2, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization was opened for signature by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 2 February 2011.

On this occasion, the Protocol was signed by the Governments of Colombia, Yemen, Brazil and Algeria. The Protocol will remain open for signature until 1 February 2012.

All Parties are urged to expedite their internal processes with a view to sign the Protocol as soon as possible.

Please note that under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers of Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by the named representative. Such full powers should be issued and signed by one of the above mentioned authorities.

Parties wishing to sign the Protocol are invited to contact the Treaty Section at UN Headquarters and, where applicable, to provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section for review. Relevant contacts are: Ms. Muriel Djella Ogandaga, Tel: +1 (917) 367-9820; Fax: +1 (212) 963-3693; E-mail: ogandaga@un.org; or Ms. Sagine Damas, Tel: +1 (212) 963-5047; Fax: +1 (212) 963-3693; E-mail: damas@un.org.

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

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Executive Secretary

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