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## NOTIFICATION

### Signing Ceremony for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing 11 May 2011, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following the opening for signature of the *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization* on 2 February 2011, I am pleased to inform you that the following six countries have signed: Colombia, Yemen, Algeria, Brazil, Mexico and Rwanda.

In this regard, I wish to inform you that the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations will organize a signing ceremony at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 11 May 2011 at the occasion of the High Level Segment of the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.

Parties who intend to sign should contact the Treaty Section to make the necessary arrangements at: Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York, Tel: (212) 963-5047, Facsimile: (212) 963-3693, E-mail: [damas@un.org](mailto:damas@un.org).

I would like to use this opportunity to encourage all Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to sign the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing to allow its early entry into force.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, and ICNP Focal Points



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