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NOTIFICATION

Global Environment Facility established Trust Fund for Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) on 17 March 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am very pleased to inform you that, at the initiative of Japan, the GEF Council has established, on 17 March 2011, a dedicated Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. The Trust Fund for Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) aims at facilitating the early entry into force and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

In this regard, the communication from Mrs Monique Barbut, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility reads as follows:

“I am very pleased to inform you that the Trust Fund Proposal for Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) has been established today. I would like to pay tribute to the Government of Japan, which has ceaselessly provided the leadership necessary to create this fund, even in the midst of the tragedy that continues to unfold around them. I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire Council when I take this opportunity to stand amazed and inspired by Japan's commitment to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and to the global environment. The GEF could not ask for a better friend.”

Indeed, this is another demonstration of Japan leadership for the implementation of the Nagoya Biodiversity compacts and commitment of the Presidency of COP 10 to spare no effort to translate the outcomes of Nagoya into reality. The leadership of COP 10 presidency is of a particular significance in the aftermath of the tragedy that continues to unfold and the suffering of the People of Japan.

I am sure that the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and their partners will remain forever indebted to the People and Government of Japan for their outstanding leadership and commitment in promoting the biodiversity agenda.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: All Focal Points of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols



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