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NOTIFICATION
The Green Wave 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

After a record participation in 2010, with over 2500 groups from over 70 countries, I am pleased to remind you that *The Green Wave* for biodiversity will once again contribute to the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 22 May 2011. Under the theme “Forest Biodiversity”, this year’s celebration promises to bring a high number of participants from schools, associations and public and private institutions and we hope to see your country represented on the 2011 *Green Wave* map.

The Green Wave is a global biodiversity education project for children and youth. It is supportive of the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Strategic Plan for biodiversity 2011-2020, and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity which aims to promote their implementation and raise awareness of the values of biodiversity and the steps we can all take towards its safeguard. This year the International Day for Biodiversity falls on a Sunday. To allow as many schools as possible to take part, we invite participating groups to plant their tree on 20, 21 May or 22 May. Stories and pictures uploaded to the website will go live on the online map at 20:20 on 22 May 2010.

I invite Parties to encourage involvement of children and youth in *The Green Wave* during the school year and particularly on 22 May as a way to remind them that learning about biodiversity can be fun and that they are part of a global movement of people who care for the planet. I urge Parties to promote collaboration among national partners and relevant Ministries in order to carry the message to every school and to make IDB 2011, the first of the UN Decade, a memorable moment for the biodiversity family.

For more information about getting involved in *The Green Wave*, please visit the website (greenwave.cbd.int) or contact greenwave@cbd.int.

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

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Executive Secretary

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