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NOTIFICATION

High-Level Segment of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity 15-17 October 2014 – Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Secretariat is pleased to forward to you the invitation, addressed to the Ministers responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the High-Level Segment of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held from 15 to 17 October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

While the Government of the Republic of Korea will be sending out this invitation through its diplomatic channels, we would however greatly appreciate it if you could also ensure that the invitation is brought to the kind attention of your respective Ministers.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To : CBD and CPB National Focal Points



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Excellency,

It is my great pleasure to draw your attention that the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP12) and the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP7) will be held at the Alpensia Convention Center, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 29 September to 17 October this year.

The COP12 will undertake the mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, on the basis of preparatory work carried out under the Convention as well as the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook which will be launched on the opening day of the COP12. I expect that the COP12 will adopt a "Pyeongchang Roadmap" to agree the necessary steps to enhance progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to double our joint efforts to achieve the Global Biodiversity Targets.

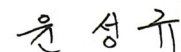
In addition, we envisage that the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization will have entered into force and therefore it is likely that the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in conjunction with the COP12.

The Government of the Republic of Korea will host the high-level segment of the COP12 at the same venue from 15 to 17 October this year, with the theme of "Biodiversity for Sustainable Development." Given that the discussions on Post-2015 Development Agenda have already started, the meeting will provide a timely opportunity to highlight the key role of biodiversity in sustainable development, and to discuss how we can be more effective in fully integrating biodiversity into sustainable development.

Recognizing your leadership role, your presence to the high-level segment will be highly appreciated in the effort to address issues related to global biodiversity goals and sustainable development.

I look forward to welcoming you in Pyeongchang, this October.

Yours sincerely,



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