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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Clearing-House Mechanism Awards**

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce the outcome of the second Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) awards process, which took place at a ceremony on 25 November during the plenary of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 14). In response to Notification 2018-010, a total of 31 Parties took part in the process. The following six Parties were granted an award:

**Existing National Clearing-House Mechanism**

Burundi - Gold Award  
Colombia - Silver Award  
Morocco - Bronze Award

**New National Clearing-House Mechanism**

Indonesia - Gold Award  
Sri Lanka - Silver Award  
Guinea-Bissau - Bronze Award

In addition, certificates of achievement were presented to Canada, Guatemala, Honduras and Malaysia.

I would like to congratulate the Parties that won an award or received a certificate of achievement, and thank all Parties that have made efforts to strengthen their national clearing-house mechanisms. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the jury members for their time in reviewing the nominated national clearing-house mechanisms in order to determine the award winners. I am confident that the third round of awards, to be given out at COP 15, will build on the momentum of the first two rounds and further motivate Parties to make their national clearing-house mechanisms an effective tool to support the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the objectives of the Convention.

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

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