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## NOTIFICATION

### Revised date of the Summit on Biodiversity - 30 September 2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification [2020-034](#), I am pleased to inform you that, pursuant to decision 74/562 of the General Assembly, the Summit on Biodiversity will now be held on **30 September 2020**.

As noted in the earlier notification, and as set out in Resolution 74/269 of the General Assembly, the Summit on Biodiversity will be convened during the high-level week of the seventy-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) under the theme “Urgent Action on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”. It will consist of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussions, two Leaders’ Dialogues and a closing segment. The Leaders’ Dialogues will be held under the following themes: “Addressing biodiversity loss and mainstreaming biodiversity for sustainable development” (Dialogue 1) and “Harnessing science, technology and innovation, capacity-building, access and benefit sharing, financing and partnerships for biodiversity” (Dialogue 2). Further details concerning the scope, modalities, format and organization of the Summit are outlined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Resolution 74/269. However, decision 74/562 provides for submission of pre-recorded statements by Heads of State or Government and other leaders of delegation.

As was also noted in the previous notification, further to Resolution 74/269, the Summit will provide a unique opportunity to demonstrate ambition to accelerate action on biodiversity for sustainable development. It will thereby give momentum to the development and eventual adoption of an effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

In view of the above, I encourage Parties to participate in the Summit at the highest possible level.

Further information, including links to the UNGA Resolution and a Concept Note, is available at the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/article/2020-UN-Biodiversity-Summit>.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, Nagoya Protocol Focal Points, UN Organizations and Specialized Agencies, IGOs, NGOs, and indigenous people and local communities, and other stakeholders

