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**Visit of the representative of the incoming President of the Nagoya  
Biodiversity Summit**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity had the privilege to welcome on 9-10 July 2010 Mr. Masayoshi Mizuno, Director of the Global Environment Division of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The visit was devoted to the preparation of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Nagoya, Aichi prefecture, Japan on 19-29 October 2010. During his visit, Mr Masayoshi Mizuno discussed also the preparation of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to be held immediately before COP10. Issues related to logistics, administrative arrangements and substance were discussed. Issues related to the implementation of the Nagoya decisions were also discussed as well as the future role of Japan as the President of the Conference of the Parties.

Mr. Mizuno was also given an overview of all programs of relevance to the Nagoya meeting, including TEEB, related to the implementation of CBD and expressed interest in timely conclusion of these activities to provide substantive input to Parties prior to COP10.

The CBD also gave a brief overview of the International Year of Biodiversity, followed by a presentation on the "Biodiversity, Development & Poverty Eradication Programme" funded by Germany, France and UNDP. Mr. Mizuno saw opportunities for collaboration and wished to share this information with his colleagues back in Japan.

Japanese Government is reviewing what kind of follow up could be envisioned for the post-COP10 period. Mr. Mizuno made a presentation on the preparation of COP10 to the participants attending the South-South-Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity which concluded its sessions on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in Montreal. The meeting brought together the secretariat of the three major hydrological and forest basins of the world representing 80% of the tropical forests of the world. A multi year plan of action on South-South cooperation will be submitted to the Nagoya biodiversity Summit.



Mr. Mizuno commented: “I am happy to get an update on the vast array of activities, which the Secretariat of the CBD is undertaking to ensure a successful COP-10 in Nagoya”. He added that “the Japanese Government considers COP-10 a very important event in 2010 and looks forward to working with all Parties and stakeholders to meet the unprecedented biodiversity challenges and ensure a meaningful outcome for the Nagoya meetings”.

Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD who briefed Mr. Mizuno on the preparation of COP10 as well on major events to be organized in conjunction with the Nagoya meetings was earlier introduced to their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress of Japan on their visit to Canada. He expressed to their Majesties the utmost gratitude of the Secretariat for the commitment of the Japanese people and Government to make COP-10 an historic event.