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Biodiversity community agrees a common approach to protect life on Earth

Montreal, 7 September 2010. The heads and representatives of five international conventions on biodiversity and major conservation organizations agreed last week to a common approach to address the biodiversity crisis, based on the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

At a retreat at Chateau de Bossy, Switzerland, the Secretary-General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Secretary-General of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species, the representative of the World Heritage Convention and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity agreed that the Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020 to be adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held next month in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, should serve as a common framework for action over the next ten years.

The need to work under the common framework of the 2011–2020 Strategic Plan and to identify the financial resources to support it was also agreed at a meeting with the head of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The meeting agreed to build on the already considerable collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity and IUCN.

“These gatherings of the biodiversity family here in Geneva have reinforced our common conviction that at this crucial time in history, more than ever we need to work under a common framework,” said Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. “The consensus on the Strategic Plan that we saw emerge at the Nairobi meetings is reinforced here and will help carry the day in Nagoya.”



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