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The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China support the adoption of the Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Montreal, 1 October 2010 –At the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 September 2010, the 131 Ministers or representatives welcomed the draft Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development and highlighted the importance of its adoption by all Parties at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-10), to be held in Nagoya, Japan, this month. The Ministers also welcomed the convening of the First Forum on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity, to be held in Nagoya on 17 October 2010, and commended the efforts by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to establish a strategic partnership with the Group of 77 and China in the field of South-South cooperation.

“The Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development is an additional testimony of the leadership of the G77 and China in protecting the natural capital of their people and the future of the children of the world,” said Ahmed Djoghlaif, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. H.E. Dr. Abubakr A. Al-Qirbi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen, as Chair of the G77, congratulated the Convention Secretariat for the elaboration of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development as mandated by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its ninth meeting.

Addressing the opening plenary of the General Assembly’s historic high-level meeting on biodiversity, held in New York on 22 September 2010, H.E. Ambassador Abdullah M. Alsaïdi, Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations, on behalf of the 131 member States of the Group of 77 and China, called on all Parties to demonstrate commitment and support for the adoption of the Multi-Year Plan of Action at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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