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### **The President of Algeria donates to the Museum of Nature and Culture of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

*Montreal, 6 June 2011.* The President of Algeria, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, has donated a work of art to the Museum of Nature and Culture of the Convention on Biological Diversity. He is the second Head of State to personally provide a gift to the Museum. Speaking on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria, Mr Mourad Medelci, during the inauguration ceremony of the donation the Ambassador of Algeria to Canada, Mr. Smail Benamara, said:

“It is in testimony to his attachment to the values and goals defended in the Convention that Algeria has, through its President, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, offered to the Museum of Nature and Culture a work of art dedicated to biological diversity.

“This donation, that represents a wonderful homage to nature and its harmonious links with man, delivers a message on the rich biological patrimony that my country contains almost as a pledge of its unwavering commitment to the Convention.

“Finally, I hope that this artistic and cultural space serves to stimulate each of us to recognise the generosity of nature and calls visitors to the need to safeguard the these resources that are so indispensable for the equilibrium of our planet.”

Ahmed, Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, said: “We are pleased to receive this fresco as an addition to our collection, and as a demonstration of the recognition of the union between human society, nature and the places that both have lived in harmony.”

During the ceremony, donations were also received from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, the Republic of Moldova, Thailand, and the Tezukayam Gallery of Japan.

The Museum of Nature and Culture has, to date, received 66 donations from around the world.

Information on the Museum can be found at: <http://www.cbd.int/musem/>

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