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**UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON
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Thank you, Chair,

As you are aware, at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Parties to the Convention adopted the most comprehensive decision on biodiversity and climate change considered so far.

One of the main components of this decision is cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). As such, I am pleased to take this opportunity to report to you on progress we have made over the past twelve months.

First we have convened two meetings of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change with the mandate to provide biodiversity-relevant information to the UNFCCC process in line with the Bali Action Plan.

The main messages from the second meeting, focusing on biodiversity and adaptation, including ecosystem-based adaptation, were presented under agenda item 3 yesterday.

The final report of the Group, covering impacts, adaptation and mitigation is now available for peer review on the CBD website and will be finalized this summer. This scientific report will be presented to the meeting of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Copenhagen as an output from the CBD.

We have also been working with the UNFCCC Secretariat through the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, which was endorsed by the UNFCCC at SBSTA 14.

The ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group was held on 14 May 2009. At this meeting, the three executive secretaries considered a broad agenda including joint outreach and communication tools and a review of the difference between Conventions with regard to the nature and extent of requests to the Joint Liaison Group. The minutes of this meeting will be posted online shortly.

One of the relevant discussions during the Joint Liaison Group related to difficulties in implementing the activities requested by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity as a result of a lack of a corresponding mandate from the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change. This difficulty will be reported to our Conference of the Parties when we conduct the in-depth review of implementation of the cross-cutting issue of biodiversity and climate change in 2010.

In light of the above, we very much hope that this meeting could advise the fifteenth meeting of your Conference of the Parties on ways and means to respond to the recommendations of both the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the ninth meeting of our Conference of the Parties, including the suggested joint activities called for by the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in decision IX/16. We also invite this Subsidiary Body to consider conclusions or recommendations on how the Expert Group contributions on scientific and technical matters related to the links between biodiversity and climate change will be reviewed.