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Thank you, Your Royal Highness,
Your Excellencies
Distinguished guests,

Last year, the global community adopted a historical document, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to set nature on a path of recovery by 2030.

Negotiating this ambitious agreement was a challenging, but rewarding mission.

We shifted the paradigm and reached an exceptionally high political momentum for nature.

As the Framework complements and reinforces the Global Forest Goals, I am confident that the CBD can play a strong and unique role in delivering the CPF Joint Call to Action for Forests Towards 2030.

First, realizing the important and urgent task of maintaining high political momentum, the CBD and its many partners, including the members of the CPF, is mobilizing all resources to help countries make bold steps to move from agreement to action.

It involves translating the global biodiversity framework into specific, measurable, and time-bound national targets making use of whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches.

The countries need to accomplish this step and report on their plans before the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, currently scheduled for 2024.

The complex role of conservation and sustainable use of forests in global and national targets should be well-articulated and based on the best-available science and traditional knowledge, where possible and feasible.

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The implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans based on the monitoring framework will yield new data and knowledge at all levels.

The global stock take of progress, due in 2026, will shed light on global and regional trends in forest biodiversity and forest-related commitments.

The CBD Secretariat will also strengthen technical and scientific mechanisms including the establishment of a network of regional and subregional support centers.

Action requires financing.

Target 19 of the Framework and the decision on Resource Mobilization aim to mobilize at least 200 billion dollars per year by 2030 from all sources, including innovative finance strategies such as payment for ecosystem services, green bonds, biodiversity offsets and credits and benefit-sharing mechanisms.

All these strategies are applicable to conserve, restore and sustainably use the world's forests.

The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund was ratified by the Global Environment Facility last month.

The Fund offers the opportunity to receive funding from diverse sources and plans to distribute it through simplified processes, increasing accessibility while supporting the human rights-based and gender-responsive implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Finally, the Biodiversity Communications Flotilla was established to ensure that progress and knowledge are communicated to the public and synergies are built across various international processes.

This outreach has been a tremendous success and these strong partnerships continue in and through the implementation phase.

In closing, the colleagues at the CBD Secretariat look forward to continuing to work with other CPF members to deliver these actions jointly and efficiently.

I thank you.