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## **International Day of Biological Diversity**

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After more than a year of living under the cloud of the COVID-19 pandemic, let's pause and acknowledge all that nature has given and continues to give us even through these dark times. Nature continues to nurture us and heal us. Let's resolve to nurture nature. The fact is that we humans have been part of the problems facing nature and, consequently, humanity today. Now, let's be part of the solution. The fact is that what is good for nature is also good for us as a species. Individually and together, we are part of the solution. Let's halt the loss of the biodiversity. Together, we must, and we can build back better than before. The International Treaty will continue to do all we can to conserve the biodiversity of the crops that feed the world. We will continue to save, share and take care of the seeds and all plant genetic material needed for food and agriculture. The International Treaty has a key role to play in the development of new approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity as we look forward to a new Global Framework for Biodiversity. Join us in being part of the solution.

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