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"As the initial proponent of this initiative, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators which continues to play an critical role to promote the conservation of bees and all the other important groups of pollinators to sustain the essential ecosystem service of pollination without which the survival of virtually all plants in natural ecosystems and the harvest of a significant proportion of crops depend on globally. Without pollinators food security of humans and wildlife including adaptation to climate change is at risk. I congratulate all the great efforts of governments, organizations, conservationists, farmers and experts to implement the IPI and its Plan of Action for 2018-2030 in different parts of the world, including here in Brazil, but my message is that we need to do even more. I welcome also the commitment of FAO to implement an International Pollinators Platform to provide technical support to all countries as needed and encourage parties to the CBD to increase their efforts. Unfortunately, pollinators continue to be at risk globally due to the use of chemical pesticides, spread of diseases, deforestation and climate change. Unless governments and business step-up to implement their responsibilities the collapse of biodiversity and food security will remain a global challenge."