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NOTIFICATION

**Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
8 – 19 October 2012
Hyderabad, India**

Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Government of India, and in accordance with Decision X/46 of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, I am pleased to inform you that the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11) will be held from 8 – 19 October 2012 in Hyderabad, India. The High Level Segment will be held from 17 to 19 October 2012. You will find attached the draft Provisional Agenda for COP-11.

The Annotated Agenda and the Information Note for Participants will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1 **Organizational Matters**
 - 1.1 Opening of the meeting.
 - 1.2 Election of officers.
 - 1.3 Adoption of the agenda.
 - 1.4 Organization of work.
 - 1.5 Report on the credentials of representatives to the meeting.
 - 1.6 Reports of inter-sessional and regional preparatory meetings.
 - 1.7 Pending issues.
- 2 **Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits arising from their Utilization**
- 3 **Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets**
 - 3.1 Review of progress in implementation including the establishment of national targets and the updating of national strategies and action plans.
 - 3.2 Review of progress in providing capacity-building support to Parties, promoting communication, education and public awareness and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism and technology transfer and cooperation.
 - 3.3 Further development of tools and guidance for monitoring implementation, including the use of indicators.
- 4 **Financial resources and financial mechanism**
 - 4.1 Strategy for resource mobilization, including the establishment of targets.
 - 4.2 Report of the Global Environment Facility.
 - 4.3 Four year framework and needs assessment for GEF-6.
 - 4.4 Review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.
- 5 **Cooperation, outreach and the UN Decade on Biodiversity**
 - 5.1 UN Decade on Biodiversity.
 - 5.2 Cooperation among Conventions and international organisations.
 - 5.3 Business and biodiversity.
 - 5.4 Engagement of other groups.

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- 6 **Operations of the Convention**
6.1 Periodicity of meeting.
6.2 Consideration of the need to strengthen the existing mechanisms of the Convention and the need for and possible development of additional mechanisms.
6.3 Retirement of decisions.
- 7 **Article 8(j) and related provisions**
7.1 Sustainable use, with a focus on customary sustainable use (Article 10(c)).
7.2 Ongoing tasks in the multi-year programme of work, in particular tasks 7, 10, 12 and 15.
- 8 **In-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity.**
- 9 **Ways and means to support ecosystem restoration.**
- 10 **Marine and coastal biodiversity**
10.1 Identification of ecologically & biologically significant marine & coastal areas.
10.2 Other matters related to marine and coastal biodiversity.
- 11 **Biodiversity and climate change and related issues**
11.1 Advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.
11.2 Biodiversity and climate-related geo-engineering.
11.3 Other matters related to biodiversity and climate change.
- 12 **Other substantive issues arising from decisions of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**
12.1 Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands.
12.2 Forest biodiversity.
12.3 Inland waters biodiversity.
12.4 Mountain biodiversity.
12.5 Agriculture biodiversity.
12.6 Protected areas.
12.7 Sustainable use of biodiversity.
12.8 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.
12.9 Biofuels and biodiversity.
12.10 Invasive alien species.
12.11 Global Taxonomy Initiative.
12.12 Incentive measures.
12.13 Biodiversity and development.
- 13 **Administrative and budgetary matters**
13.1 Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention 20011-2012.
13.2 Administration of the Convention and budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention for the biennium 2013-2014.
- 14 **Final matters**
14.1 Date and venue of the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
14.2 Other matters.
14.3 Adoption of the report.
14.4 Closure of the meeting.

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the eleventh Conference of the Parties (CoP-11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the sixth Meeting of the Parties serving as CoP (CoP-MoP 6) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad in the State of Andhra Pradesh in India from 1-19 October, 2012. These meetings are being held in accordance with decision X/46 of CoP-10 to the CBD. The Government of India will also host the High Level Segment to CoP-11 at the same venue from 17-19 October, 2012.

As the first CoP in the UN Decade on Biodiversity, and coming after a highly successful CoP-10 held in Nagoya under the sagacious leadership of Japan, there are high expectations from CoP-11 as the first milestone for assessing the progress in implementation of the Nagoya compact comprising of Nagoya Protocol, Strategic Plan, and Strategy for Resource Mobilisation.

Among the plethora of a few hundred of international treaties, the CBD stands apart as the one convention which is at the heart of human well-being. India, despite the tremendous demographic pressure and developmental imperatives, is undertaking all possible measures to meet the three objectives of the CBD. In the current global scenario of continuing economic distress, it makes even more sense to ensure that the goods and services provided by biodiversity are accounted for in the planning processes. The slogan of CoP-11 coined by India: 'Nature protects if She is protected', should encourage each one of us to do our bit in protecting the biodiversity on which we so completely depend for our survival.

Political will and support are crucial for implementation of the measures to meet the objectives of the Convention. Recognising your leadership role, I invite you to attend the High Level Segment of CoP-11 in Hyderabad on 17-19 October 2012. While the structure of this segment will be communicated to you in due course of time, I intend to discuss the following five key issues so as to advance the agenda of CoP and CBD:

1. Biodiversity and Livelihoods
2. Integration of value of Biodiversity in National Planning and Accounting Process
3. Strategic Resource Mobilization
4. Coastal and Marine Biodiversity
5. Operationalisation of Nagoya Protocol

I shall be happy to receive any suggestions from you in this regard.

I shall count on your participation in the High Level Segment. Looking forward to receiving you in Hyderabad, India in October 2012.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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