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NOTIFICATION

United Nations Secretary General welcomes COP10 Outcomes

Dear Madam/Sir,

The United Nations Secretary-General has welcomed the adoption of the protocol on access and benefit sharing and the United Nations News Centre has reported prominently on outcomes of COP10 as follows:

Secretary-General Welcomes Adoption of Historic Protocol to Biological Diversity Convention on Access, Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources

1 November 2010

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General welcomes the adoption of an historic new protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity on Saturday morning, 30 October, in Nagoya, Japan, which sets ground rules for improving access to, and the equitable sharing of, the world's genetic resources. The new treaty, he said, provides an innovative approach to conserving and protecting the world's rapidly diminishing living resources, while providing benefits to all, in particular, local communities in developing countries.

The Secretary-General said the landmark treaty was a positive step in efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and demonstrated that countries were committed to pragmatic cooperation in meeting the challenges of sustainable development. He also welcomed the adoption of a new 10-year plan by the 193 countries of the Convention that contains achievable targets to reduce the loss of biodiversity. He also thanked the Government of Japan for hosting a successful conference.

(Accessible at <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm13216.doc.htm>)

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In related news articles, the UN News Centre has reported on outcomes of COP10:

29 October 2010 – Nations agree on historic UN pact on sharing benefits of world's genetic resources

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36618&Cr=biodiversity&Cr1=>

1 November 2010 – Ban lauds landmark pact on sharing benefits of world's genetic wealth

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36628&Cr=sustainable&Cr1=>

2 November 2010 – UN Member States endorse plan to halt biodiversity loss and share genetic resources

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36639&Cr=biodiversity&Cr1=>

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary