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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

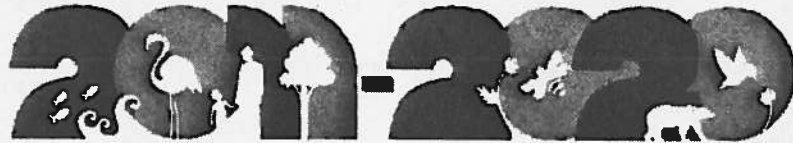


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**ON THE OCCASION OF
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ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENT PC20 DOC. 13**

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Chair and Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee,
Secretary-General,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour to convey to you my observations in the context of your consideration of a possible draft recommendation on "Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity" and to assure you of our support for a continued and strengthened collaboration between our two processes in all areas of mutual interest.

The consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation was agreed through decision X/17 at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Nagoya, Japan in 2010. The forthcoming sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, due to meet in early May in Montreal, will consider updated technical rationales and indicators as well as progress in the development of a toolkit for the Global Strategy and I am grateful to CITES and its collaborators for their inputs and contributions. In particular, I invite you to review, promote, further contribute to and make use of the toolkit for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. The development of the toolkit has been coordinated by Botanic Gardens Conservation International, in collaboration with the members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and it is accessible at <http://www.plants2020.net>.

I am also pleased to inform you that the CBD Secretariat, in collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International and other members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, is organizing a number of capacity-building workshops aimed to support countries in implementing the Global Strategy within the broader context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In this context, we would be delighted to collaborate with CITES experts and national CITES authorities, in particular on the effective implementation of Target 11 of the Global Strategy.

I also believe that the existing mechanisms for collaboration between our two Conventions, including the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariats and the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, the meetings of Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions, and where they exist, national committees involving representatives engaged in our respective Convention processes, should be used to the fullest to address the challenges facing biodiversity while make the most effective use of the limited resources. Furthermore, the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) presents opportunities for our two conventions and I trust that the existing mechanisms for collaboration can be used to coordinate communications with the Platform where this is appropriate.

With these remarks I would like to wish you successful deliberations and look forward to the outcomes of your meeting.

Thank you.