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Excellency,

I wish to convey my sincere appreciation for the broad engagement enjoyed by the Summit on Biodiversity at the level of Heads of State and Government, held at the United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, 30 September 2020.

The participation of 122 Member States, including 64 Heads of State and Government, 1 Vice President, 57 ministerial representatives, as well as 13 representatives from intergovernmental organizations, UN System and major group and other stakeholders underscored the urgency of biodiversity action, including in the context of the current pandemic and threats of zoonotic diseases.

This level of political will is critical to the success of 15th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, where the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will be adopted. In this Decade of Action to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals, we must galvanize multilateral action to support all efforts geared towards biodiversity protection to ensure a sustainable planet for all. Your contribution to this vital endeavour is greatly appreciated.

The official documentation, and links to UN Webcast and media coverage can be found on the Biodiversity Summit website (<https://www.un.org/pga/75/united-nations-summit-on-biodiversity/>).

As announced at the Summit, my Office and the Secretariat have arranged for the pre-recorded statements that were not played in the General Assembly Hall on 30 September 2020, to be uploaded to UN WebTV in the coming days. The draft Presidential summary of the Summit will be circulated in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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