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## NOTIFICATION

### Completion of the LifeWeb Initiative

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to inform you that the LifeWeb Initiative, launched during the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Bonn, Germany, has now been completed. LifeWeb provided a platform where Parties to the CBD could share their priorities for financial assistance to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and where donors could align their contributions, thus producing a multiplier effect and be showcased for their efforts. The impact of LifeWeb has been profound. Since its inception in 2008, LifeWeb has supported 77 individual projects in 60 countries and leveraged significant resources from a range of donors towards their implementation.

Beyond the financial matchmaking that LifeWeb fostered, a great deal of institutional learning also resulted from this initiative. Lessons learned about matchmaking platforms have helped to inform the development of new initiatives such as the BioBridge Initiative, launched at CBD COP 12 to facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the development of a matchmaking platform to support capacity building.

I want to thank the Government of Germany for their support to LifeWeb and the financial contributions they have made and continue to make through international development cooperation to support the three pillars of the Convention. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Japan for contributing resources through its Japan Biodiversity Fund for LifeWeb events, and the many other donors who utilized the LifeWeb platform.

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

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