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As the host of the fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biodiversity in Kunming in 2020, the People's Republic of China sends greetings throughout the world on this International Day for Biological Diversity. We are at a critical crossroads for the preservation of nature worldwide, and for the many benefits that it provides for all peoples, including those highlighted by this year's theme, Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health. Indeed, biodiversity is the backbone of food, health, and well-being around the world. For that reason, we in China are committed to building an ecological civilization that guarantees the prosperity, the health, and the well-being of our people and those around the globe. We look forward to hosting the world in Kunming, where we will negotiate and adopt a new global biodiversity framework for the post-2020 era that secures a common future of living in harmony with nature for all. May you have a lovely International Day for Biological Diversity and we hope to see you in Kunming!

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