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The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Egyptian people wish everyone a very happy International Day for Biological Diversity. As the host of COP14 in Sharm El-Sheikh — and as the site of natural wonders from the Sinai Peninsula, to the Red Sea, to the Nile Valley, to the Mediterranean Coast, to the Western Desert and beyond — Egypt has always valued our biodiversity and nature. This year's theme, *Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health*, is deeply resonant in Egypt, where our natural bounty has not only fed the Egyptian people for millennia but has fed much of our region and neighboring peoples as well. We are taking this spirit that arose in Sharm El-Sheikh and we are working with the UN Convention on Biodiversity and all our partners and Parties to help preserve the common natural heritage of biodiversity around the world, for the sake of all peoples and for all time. We wish you the best on this International Day for Biological Diversity, and pledge to uphold biodiversity not just on this day, but on every day of the year.

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