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To: The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby inform you of the activities which have been held in Suriname concerning the International Year on Biodiversity.

On April 25th 2010, the Minister of Labour, Technological Development and Environment held a *kick-off with television message* in which the importance of biodiversity was given to the public and also the theme of the year, "Biodiversity is Life, Biodiversity is our Life".

The second activity was on April 27th 2010, where the Ministry organized a *Journalist Information Session*. The information session had two objectives. First to inform the journalists about biodiversity and the importance to conserve and sustainable use biodiversity and second that the journalists shall use the information gathered at the session to inform the public of biodiversity. Within this session different stakeholders gave presentations about biodiversity activities in their scope of work.

Regarding International Day on Biodiversity, a *Biodiversity Seminar* was organized on June 8th 2010. Hereby various experts gave presentations, within their scope of work, about the status, trends and threats on biodiversity. This seminar also contributes to information to formulate the 4th National Report on Biodiversity.

Starting from June 2010, promotion films of the CBD and documentaries concerning biodiversity are being send through different television stations.

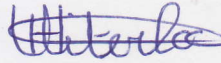
The next activity pending is a *biodiversity creative learning path* for children, where the youth will learn about what biodiversity is and the importance of it for humans. The children will be selected in age categories, with different activities for each category.

Hoping to have informed you sufficiently.

Yours sincerely,



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