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Opening Statement

Second Committee Joint Briefing by UNEP, WIPO, UNESCO and CBD on the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including actions undertaken to promote access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilities and associated traditional knowledge

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The sheer scale of these interactions between people and the environment, and the increasing complexity of social and economic systems driving these interactions, calls for more cooperation in multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral approaches.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

One of the main reasons the 2010 Biodiversity target was not achieved, was inadequate mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations into broader policies and strategies. If we are to reverse the tide so that by 2020 we will celebrate

public institutions, such as the UN, can help the private sector, households and individuals to act together.

Thank you.
