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*Thank you, Madam Chair,*

The Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity would like to congratulate FAO for its leadership in integrated water resources management as well as the implementation of all related activities, including the UN System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation.

*Dear delegates,*

Biodiversity is essential to sustainable development, providing services that our societies depend on.

The loss of biodiversity threatens food and water security, our resilience to natural disasters, sustainable economic growth, and undermines our efforts to eradicate poverty.

Investing in biodiversity is, therefore, not merely an environmental concern but an economic and social necessity.

As mentioned by the distinguished delegate of Colombia, the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, COP 16, to be held in Cali, Colombia, in a couple of weeks will emphasize this spirit to bring us closer to advancing progress on the 2030 Agenda and make peace with nature.



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Considering increasing drought and floods, water shortage and continued deforestation, the human dimension of the forest-water nexus has become more evident.

Both, forest and water resources are under stress.

As the world turns its eyes toward COP 16, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Forest and Water Day will put a spotlight on the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of water-related ecosystems, including forests, mountains, paramos, wetlands among others, and topics like the flying rivers, for the successful implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and numerous global commitments.

Together, we can, and we must build a future where we all live in harmony with nature.

Thank you.

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