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Dear Mr. Djoghlaif,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 24 June 2011 inviting him to the High Level Segment of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held in Hyderabad from 17 to 19 October 2012.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation and offer. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that he will be unable attend the event, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule during the said dates. Nevertheless, I am pleased to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar'.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary
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Mr. Secretary-General,

Let me extend to you my warmest congratulations for your well deserved election for a new term. It has been a privilege for me to serve the United Nations under your leadership and I look forward to continue serving the United Nations during your second term.

I am very pleased to inform you that the High Level Segment of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity will take place in Hyderabad, India on 17 – 19 October 2012. This meeting to be held with participation of more than 120 ministers as well as Heads of State, will provide the first opportunity to assess progress made in the implementation of the Nagoya Biodiversity Compact and to follow up on the outcomes of Rio+20 of relevance to the biodiversity family. It will take place less than two months before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2012 which coincides with the end of the first commitment period. The meeting may also coincide with the first Governing Body of the historical Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing which has so far been signed by 37 Parties including the European Union.

Your participation at this historical meeting will be of a high political significance to the biodiversity family as well as to the host country. I am therefore very pleased to invite you to bless the opening ceremony of this important meeting, by your presence.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Dognin
Executive Secretary

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