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**Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity****Letter dated 28 August 2013 from the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity addressed to the Secretary-General**

At its 10th meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity addressed climate-related geoengineering and its impacts on the achievement of the objectives of the Convention as part of its decision X/33, on biodiversity and climate change. In response to that decision, three reports were prepared, compiling and synthesizing information on the impacts of climate-related geoengineering on biological diversity, the regulatory framework for climate-related geoengineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and stakeholders. The texts of the decisions are available at <http://www.cbd.int/decisions/>.

At its 11th meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision XI/20, requested the Executive Secretary to disseminate the reports referred to above as widely as possible, identifying a number of treaties and organizations, specifically the United Nations General Assembly. Pursuant to that request, I have the honour to share with you, for the information of the Assembly, the links to the reports:

(a) The reports on the impacts of climate-related geoengineering on biological diversity and on the regulatory framework for climate-related geoengineering relevant to the Convention were published as *CBD Technical Series No. 66 — Geoengineering in Relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity: Technical and Regulatory Matters*, available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-66-en.pdf>;

(b) An overview of views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and stakeholders is available in the document entitled “Impacts of climate-related geoengineering on biodiversity: views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and stakeholders” ([UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/30](http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-16/information/sbstta-16-inf-30-en.pdf)), available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-16/information/sbstta-16-inf-30-en.pdf>.



The key messages of these reports are available in all six official languages of the United Nations on the website of the Convention at <http://www.cbd.int/climate/geoengineering/>. The secretariat will be happy to assist you with any queries you may have regarding these reports.

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Executive Secretary

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