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President

My greetings for the *1st International Agrobiodiversity Congress: Science, Technology, Policy and Partnership (IAC2016)* in New Delhi, India, from 6-9 November 2016. In India, consistent efforts by National Agricultural Research System have led to a robust and dynamic germplasm management system by establishing the genetic resources bureaux for plant, animal, fish, and agriculturally important microbes and insects. A large research infrastructure and human resource have been developed over the past decade to employ biotechnological tools for germplasm characterization and use. IAC 2016 will provide a common platform for scientists, researchers, policy makers, students and farmers to deliberate the various issues related to agrobiodiversity management and their sustainable use for ensuring food and nutritional security. The opportunity provided by IAC 2016 for sharing the experiences will also be unique to develop future research collaborations at national and international level.

I wish the Congress a grand success.

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