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**MESSAGE TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF
THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

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On the 20th anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, we celebrate this agreement which has done so much to protect people and nature from harm. We applaud its near universal ratification.

The planetary crisis we face today underlines the importance of this agreement. Humanity's destruction of the natural world is pushing one million of Earth's eight million species towards extinction.

We must make peace with nature. And biosafety is a vital part of those efforts.

As we celebrate the anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol, we reaffirm our commitment to preserving biosafety, protecting biodiversity, and working together to build a safe and sustainable future for all.
