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UN General Assembly: Time for European leadership on biodiversity

Brussels, 22 September 2010 – Today, as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity, the United Nations convenes a high-level meeting of the General Assembly at its 65th session, with the participation of Heads of State, Governments and delegations.

Statement from Ariel Brunner, Head of EU Policy at BirdLife International

“Today Heads of State will discuss the importance of biodiversity during the General Assembly session. This is the very first concrete occasion for them to show a true commitment to save our biodiversity and ecosystems, especially ahead of the CBD COP 10 meeting in Nagoya. Europe has to show real leadership by providing tangible financial support to the effort of developing countries to conserve biodiversity, by adopting an ambitious domestic post 2010 biodiversity strategy and by reforming its own flawed fisheries, bioenergy and agricultural policies. The clock is ticking for the living network that supports all of us and we do not have a minute to lose”.

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