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## **NOTIFICATION** Location of the Headquarters of the Global Crop Diversity Trust

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform Contracting Parties of the recent decision taken by the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust concerning the location of the headquarters of the Trust.

At the eighth meeting of the Executive Board, held in Bonn, Germany, on 7-8 June 2011:

The Board agreed that it was in the best interest of the Trust to accept the offer of the German government as proposed and conditional on a satisfactory resolution of a Headquarters Agreement, based on the issues already raised and on the table. In making this decision, the Board recognises the importance of maintaining strong relationships with the Rome-based agencies, the Governing Body of the International Treaty and the Donors' Council.

This notification is issued at the request of the Chairperson of the Executive Board, Ms. Catley-Carlson, and following a direct personal communication addressed by Ms Catley-Carlson to the Chairperson of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, Mr Mozafari.

Please accept Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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