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**HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT
UNITED NATIONS BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE
“ECOLOGICAL CIVILISATION – BUILDING A SHARED FUTURE FOR ALL LIFE
ON EARTH”
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Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam attended the High Level Segment of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference with the theme of “Ecological Civilization – Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth”, through video conference, hosted by the People’s Republic of China on 12 – 13 October 2021.

In line with the conference’s theme, the objective of the High Level Segment was to build and maintain political momentum in support of the ongoing negotiations to develop a detailed and effective post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, due for adoption at phase two of the Conference scheduled in early 2022.

During the High Level Segment, in-depth discussions amongst Ministers and other high-level representatives of Parties, as well as international and regional organisations and non-Party Stakeholder groups on a variety of topics such as recovery, financing gaps, biodiversity conservation and knowledge and innovation, were made in order to reinforce the ambition for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, as the current Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the nine other ASEAN Member States, delivered and shared the Joint Statement to the CBD COP 15 of ASEAN.

The Joint Statement highlighted the importance of ASEAN’s biodiversity that provides a multitude of opportunities for livelihood and economic development, contribute to poverty alleviation, technology and innovation, serving as an effective adaption and mitigation measures against climate change impacts and is crucial for building resilience against new and emerging diseases.

ASEAN Member States have also agreed to, among others, to intensify efforts on protected areas, particularly to improve the management of ASEAN Heritage Parks, through research, technology transfer, innovation, capacity enhancement and the adoption of sustainable financing options.

The Joint Statement also called upon Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Parties and other Governments to undertake transformative actions in mainstreaming biodiversity across various development sectors, and the sustainable management of ecosystems, including through ecosystem-based approaches and nature-based solutions (NBS).

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