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Dear Ms. James,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, allow me to express my sincere gratitude for all the planning that has been put in place in Saint Lucia to help celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

The commemorative stamp issued on the occasion is just one example of how your commitment to the Year brings us one step closer to achieving the goals of the Convention.

As you are aware the Secretariat has established and IYB museum to showcase all the excellent outreach materials the world has done. We would be delighted to receive copies of the stamps for inclusion to the IYB museum. The contents will be displayed at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan, as well as at the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2011, when the IYB report will be considered. The IYB collection will then be permanently on display at the CBD Secretariat in Montreal, for the use and reference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

In closing, we are pleased to inform you that this important initiative will be highlighted in our monthly report on IYB activities for the month of July. It is our hope that your activities will encourage other governments and organizations from around the world to promote awareness about the diversity of life that sustains us all.

Wishing you continued success in all your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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