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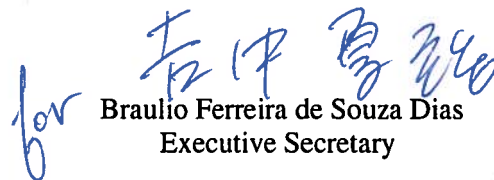
Dear Dr. Anita,

I would like to thank you for your kind letter inviting me as a special guest at the inauguration of the World Biodiversity Congress to be held from 24 to 27 November 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. I very much regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend this important event due to conflicting commitments.

I strongly believe that this congress and its agenda are unique opportunities to further advance global reflections on issues related to sustainable biodiversity utilization and conservation. In that respect, I would be most grateful if you would consider sharing with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity the outcomes of the congress.

Please accept my best wishes for fruitful discussions and successful deliberations.

Yours sincerely,


for **Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias**
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