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"Biodiversity, the Key Challenge for the Future" **European Biodiversity Day: Joint Action for the Future**

Date: 28 April 2010

Venue: Strasbourg (France) - Palais de l'Europe, Room 5

Organised by the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, in partnership with the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, in the context of the International Year of Biodiversity.

Description: The Council of Europe has taken an active role in the conservation of biodiversity since 1979 with the adoption of the Bern Convention on Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.

The Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe that gathers 366 INGOs, wishes to continue this pan-European action through the signature of a declaration "Working together for biodiversity" which will be signed on 28 April by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the President of the Conference of INGOs.

More information is available at www.coe.int/ngo - Programme

Practical information: The event, which starts at 10.30am in the presence of the Mayor of Strasbourg, is open to the press. The ceremony of the signature of the declaration will take place in the hemicycle foyer at 1pm. The afternoon session will focus on highlevel round tables.

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