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Dear Dr Lysaght:

[Name of country] wishes to become an Associate Participant in the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). We designate the following entity under our jurisdiction to sign the GBIF Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and to represent the country on the GBIF Governing Board:

[name of relevant ministry, organization, etc.]

Please send a copy of the MoU for signature to the following address:

[name and postal address of the contact person]

We confirm [the country] agrees in principle with the non-binding intentions listed in the MoU, in particular to establish a Participant Node, to encourage free and open access and use of biodiversity data, and to participate actively in the implementation of the GBIF Work Programme.

We understand that according to the MoU, Associate Country Participant is a temporary category of up to five years’ duration from the date of signature. Within this period, the country may decide to become either a Voting Participant or an Observer; or may withdraw from GBIF.

Yours sincerely,

Please refer all correspondence to: [contact person], email, phone and fax number.