## **Annex**

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## UNITED FOR #BIODIVERSITY

WE,

## WORLD NATIONAL PARKS, AQUARIUMS, BOTANIC GARDENS, ZOOS, NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE MUSEUMS,

JOIN FORCES FOR NATURE.

OUR COLLECTIONS SHOW THE DIVERSITY OF LIFE ON EARTH.

OUR CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES HELP PRESERVE ENDANGERED ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMMES UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE FOR OUR EXISTENCE.

TODAY THE WORLD IS FACING A PLANETARY EMERGENCY,

A NATURE CRISIS FUELED BY HUMAN IMPACTS, INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE.

SCIENCE IS WARNING THAT ONE MILLION SPECIES ARE AT RISK OF EXTINCTION,

NOT IN A DISTANT FUTURE, BUT WITHIN A FEW DECADES.

AS SIGNATORIES TO THIS COALITION, WE SUPPORT THE CALL

BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

FOR DECISIVE GLOBAL ACTION TO HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS.

WE URGE ALL GOVERNMENTS TO AGREE ON AMBITIOUS POLICIES TO RESTORE AND PROTECT THE ECOSYSTEMS ON WHICH WE ALL DEPEND.

WE INVITE ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES ON THE GROUND.

WE CALL ON ALL BUSINESS LEADERS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR DEPENDENCE AND IMPACT ON NATURE AND TO COMMIT TO SUSTAINABILITY.

AND WE APPEAL TO ALL OUR VISITORS TO RAISE THEIR VOICE FOR NATURE. WE BELONG TO NATURE, WE NEED NATURE, AND NATURE NOW NEEDS US LIKE NEVER BEFORE.