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I am extremely happy to know that the **1<sup>st</sup> International Agrobiodiversity Congress 2016 (IAC2016)** is being organized in New Delhi, India, from 6-9 November) 2016. India is rich in agrobiodiversity in form of plants, animals, fish, microbes and insects, which are extremely important for livelihood security of farmers. India has robust and dynamic National Agricultural Research System including genetic resources management system for conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in development of agriculture and to increase income of the farmers.

I am confident that the IAC 2016 will provide the opportunity to share the experiences of scientists participating from various countries for their mutual research benefits to serve the farmers.

I congratulate Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, Biodiversity International, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights and other organizations for jointly organizing the IAC2016.

I wish the IAC 2016 a grand success.

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