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Dear Ms. Dalla Ragione,

Many thanks for your kind invitation. I would like to congratulate you for this very attractive initiative of safeguarding the agricultural biodiversity of fruit trees species in Central Italy.

I wish to express my personal acknowledgement towards your untiring efforts aimed at the conservation, use, evaluation and historical research of the main fruit tree species typical of the Mediterranean area.

I appreciated receiving your book "Beholding natural fruits" which contain beautiful and precious pictures. I am completely confident that this book can be considered an "interesting and very well explained connection between paintings and the local agricultural products bear witness to the extreme richness of the vegetables heritage and to the need for further commitment to its preservation".

In that regard, I would like to remind you the importance of the effective implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing as one of the challenges to be addressed in the implementation of the International Treaty. I am confident that you could consider to include the accessions conserved in your field in the Multilateral System of the Treaty.

Concerning your kind invitation I will be honoured to formally take part in the Promoter Committee and the Scientific Committee for the future development of the Fondazione Archeologia Arborea Project and confirm my participation to support your project. Regarding my participation in the Public Ceremony which you are organizing in Milan on 24th May at the prestigious Villa Necchi Campiglio, I would be very pleased to attend the ceremony, but am unfortunately unable to participate on the proposed date due to pre-existing commitments. However, my colleague Dr. Mario Marino, Treaty Support Officer, will participate on my behalf and will surely make an excellent contribution to your ceremony.

I remain at your disposal for any further support to your important Project and look forward to working together closely in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Shakeel Bhatti

Secretary

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