

and chair of the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2010 (CBD/COP10), and dampen the understanding and support of the international community.

With these considerations in mind, **we sincerely hope the new administrations of Japan and the United States will take pro-active positions in keeping with the upcoming “International Year of Biodiversity – 2010” and agree to the policy changes suggested below.**

1) Completely cancel the plan for construction of the Futenma Replacement Facility at Henoko/Oura Bay

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Recognize the importance of reducing the excessive environmental loads of US military facilities in order to protect the overall biological diversity of Okinawa Island. Be flexible in re-assessing the reorganization of the military functions of Futenma air base and other facilities.

Post-base uses of US military facilities should also make active contributions to protecting and restoring the natural environment.

2) The United States should ratify the Convention on Biological Diversity, and contribute to protecting the global environment together with Japan.

The United States should ratify the CBD and start making an active contribution to its goals commencing with CBD/COP10.

The governments of the United States and Japan should show some initiative and create the traction needed to pull other nations into acting in concert with the United Nations on the new CBD “post 2010 target” framework on the same scale as they do on the Framework Convention on Climate Change.



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