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Sr. Rodrigo Bardoneschi
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Dear Senores/Senora,

Greetings from the Philippines.

This refers to our brief discussion during the 58th CITES-Standing Committee (SC) Meeting in Geneva last week (July 6-10, 2009) concerning possible collaborative partnership between Argentina and the Philippines related to Res. Conf. 13.9

By way of formal introduction, I am Dr. Antonio C. Manila, representing the CITES-Management Authority of the Philippines, who approached both of you during that SC Meeting. I wish to formally inform you about the Philippines' intention and proposal to have a close cooperation among Range States of Appendix 1 bird species, in accordance with Res. Conf. 13.9 (a copy of which I handed-over to you), which is entitled, "Encouraging Cooperation Between Parties with *ex-situ* breeding operations and those with *in-situ* conservation programmes".

In this regard and to formally commence this partnership, we wish to inquire through you as the CITES-MA or SA of Argentina, concerning any existing *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation programmes that we can collaborate with. The scope of cooperation can be embodied in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Argentina and the Philippines, with the proposed program activities or components, among others, such as:

- a. Provision of in-house trainings and sponsorships on husbandry (for familiarization of institutional arrangement & facilities)
- b. Sharing of information/data, e.g. reference materials on husbandry of birds, diets and cage designs), and
- c. Exchange or loan of breeding stocks.

We will, therefore, highly appreciate your favorable response and assistance on the subject matter.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

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