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Newbury children invited to submit pictures on the subject of biodiversity

UNEP-Bayer International Painting Competition

Newbury, February 16, 2010 – Children in Newbury have until April 15th 2010, to submit their pictures for the 19th International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment, organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Bayer, along with other partners.

With the United Nations declaring 2010 as the 'International Year of Biodiversity', biodiversity is the theme for this year's painting competition.

The competition is open to children all over the world who are between the ages of six and 14, and the winners will be announced on World Environment Day, on June 5th 2010. The global winner, the recipients of the second and third prizes and the winners from each continent will be invited to the official award ceremony, where they will join representatives of UNEP and Bayer to receive their prize-money and other prizes.

Bayer has been a partner to UNEP in the field of youth and the environment since 2004. The painting competition is one of a dozen projects that the partners organise annually across the globe.

Brief outline of conditions of participation

There is no restriction on the painting materials used e.g. crayons, coloured pencils, felt-tip pens etc. The pictures must be in A3 or A4 format. On the back of the picture, the first name and surname, age, address, telephone number and if available, e-mail address of

the child must be indicated. The submitted paintings must not have been entered into any other painting competition.

Entries should be submitted by post to the UNEP Regional Office in Switzerland:

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Regional Office for Europe
International Environment House
11-13 Chemin des Anémones
1219 Châtelaine-Genève
Switzerland

Further information on the painting competition and the Bayer-UNEP partnership is available at www.unep.bayer.com

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Note to editors:

Selected motifs from the previous painting competition, which was on the subject of "Climate Change," can be found on the Internet at: www.press.bayer.com

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