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AD HOC OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Fourth meeting
Granada, Spain, 23-27 January 2006
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Revised annotated provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions was established by decision IV/9 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. It held its first meeting in Seville, Spain, from 27 to 31 March 2000. In paragraph 9 of decision V/16, the Conference of the Parties adopted the work programme on Article 8(j) and related provisions and extended the mandate of the Working Group to review progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of the programme of work and requested it to report to the Conference of the Parties. The second and third meetings of the Working Group on Article 8(j) took place in Montreal from 4 to 8 February 2002 and from 8 to 12 December 2003, respectively.

2. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided, in decision VII/16 A, that one meeting of the Working Group should be organized prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure further advancement of the implementation of the work programme on Article 8(j) and related provisions. Accordingly, the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) will take place from 23 to 27 January 2006, in Granada, Spain, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, back-to-back with the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 23 January 2006. Registration of participants will commence on Saturday, 21 January 2006, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and will continue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 22 January, and from 8 a.m. on Monday, 23 January.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

4. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Working Group. The President of the Conference of the Parties may, however, nominate a presiding officer for the plenary of the meeting.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

5. The Working Group is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/1) that has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in line with decisions VII/16 A-I of the Conference of the Parties and in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

2.3. Organization of work

6. In light of the number of matters to be addressed, and in accordance with past practice, the Working Group may wish to establish two sessional sub-working groups open to all Parties and observers to ensure in-depth consideration of all the items on the agenda.

7. Should the Working Group decide to establish two sessional sub-working groups, it is proposed that the chairs of these groups should be elected at the first plenary session of the meeting.

8. The Working Group may wish to consider the suggested timetable and division of items between the plenary and the two sessional sub-working groups as proposed in the programme of work in annex II below. The plenary would take up items 1 to 4 of the provisional agenda, as well as items 12 to 15. Sub-Working Group I would consider items 5, 6 and 8, and Sub-Working Group II would consider items 7, 9, 10, and 11. The two sub-working groups would report back to plenary.

9. Relevant specialized United Nations agencies will be invited to provide the plenary with reports on issues of relevance to the meeting being addressed by them.

10. A list of documents prepared for the meeting is provided in annex I.

ITEM 3. REPORT OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

11. In accordance with decision VII/16 C, paragraph 3, the Executive Secretary has prepared a report on progress of the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/2). The Working Group may wish to consider recommendations for action on the basis of this report.

12. Furthermore, in decision VII/31, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, the Conference of the Parties decided that it would conduct an in-depth review of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions at its eighth meeting, in March 2006. To prepare the ground for such an in-depth review, the Executive Secretary has prepared document (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/2/Add.1) entitled "in-depth review of the implementation of the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions". The Working Group may wish to review progress in the implementation of the priority tasks and others of the programme of work and make appropriate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 4. REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THE INTEGRATION OF RELEVANT TASKS OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS IN THE THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

13. In accordance with paragraph 2 of decision VII/16 B, the Executive Secretary has prepared a progress report on the integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work for the implementation of Article 8(j) in the thematic programmes of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/3). The Working Group may wish to take note of the report and consider recommendations as appropriate.

ITEM 5. COMPOSITE REPORT ON THE STATUS AND TRENDS REGARDING THE KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, RELEVANT TO THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY AND ELEMENTS FOR A PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE RETENTION OF SUCH KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES

14. In accordance with decision VII/16 E, paragraph 4, the Executive Secretary has reviewed the first phase of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities and prepared a report on the second phase of the composite report. An executive summary including a summary of the review of phase one and a summary of phase two is available as document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/4.

15. In reviewing the first phase of the composite report, the Executive Secretary has undertaken further activities to complete phase one, including holding regional workshops (for Asia/Australia; Latin America, Central America and the Caribbean; and Africa); assessment, particularly by indigenous and local communities, of the success of measures and initiatives to support the retention and use of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities; including the advantages and limitations of registers; preparation of a regional report focussing on the Arctic region; and finally the establishment of an advisory group/steering committee in which indigenous and local communities are represented.

16. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to immediately start work on the second phase of the composite report, laying emphasis on sections 4 and 5 of the outline of the composite report, foreseeing respectively the identification of national processes that may threaten the maintenance, preservation and application of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices and the identification of processes at the local community level that may threaten the maintenance, preservation and application of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices. Document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/4 provides an executive summary of the second phase of the composite report, the full text of which is available as information documents (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8).

17. The Executive Secretary is also providing, as information documents (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8), copies of the regional reports on the second phase of the composite report compiled by a team of consultants and which serve as a basis for the second phase report and the revision of the first phase, as well as the reports of the regional workshops conducted for the African, Asian, Australian, and Latin America and the Caribbean regions (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/1, 10, 11, 12 and 13).

18. In decision VII/16 E, paragraph 8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary “to further develop the draft elements for an action plan, in particular with a view to identifying actors and timeframes”, to: (a) facilitate synergies between existing initiatives aimed at halting the loss of and encouraging the retention and use of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological

diversity; and (b) provide further practical guidance, respectful of indigenous and local communities' perspectives, for the implementation of the programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/4/Add.1 with the advice of the Advisory Committee on the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions.

19. Under this item, the Working Group may wish to take note of the report on the first and second phases of the composite report (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/4) and make appropriate recommendations regarding further work. It may also wish to make recommendations regarding the action plan, in particular with a view to identifying actors and timeframes.

**ITEM 6. INTERNATIONAL REGIME ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING:
COLLABORATION WITH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON
ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

20. In paragraph 1 of decision VII/19 D, the Conference of the Parties decided to mandate the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing "with the collaboration of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, [...] to elaborate and negotiate an international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing with the aim of adopting an instrument/instruments to effectively implement the provisions in Article 15 and Article 8(j) of the Convention and its three objectives". Furthermore, under the terms of reference contained in the annex to decision VII/19 D, the scope of the negotiation includes: traditional knowledge, innovations and practices in accordance with Article 8(j) (decision VII/19 D, annex, paragraph (c) (ii)). Finally, five elements listed in the annex to decision VII/19 D to be considered for inclusion in the international regime are closely related to Article 8(j). They are:

(x) Measures to ensure compliance with prior informed consent of indigenous and local communities holding traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, in accordance with Article 8(j).

(xiv) Disclosure of origin/source/legal provenance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in applications for intellectual property rights.

(xv) Recognition and protection of the rights of indigenous and local communities over their traditional knowledge associated to genetic resources subject to the national legislation of the countries where these communities are located.

(xvi) Customary law and traditional cultural practices of indigenous and local communities.

(xviii) Code of ethics/code of conduct/models of prior informed consent or other instruments in order to ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits with indigenous and local communities.

21. In addition, in paragraph 5 of decision VII/16 H, the Conference of the Parties decided "on appropriate mechanisms for better cooperation between the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention in order to ensure the participation and involvement of indigenous and local communities in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing."

22. Given these decisions and in light of the linkages between Article 8(j) and the negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing, the Working Group on Article 8(j) may wish to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing on how cooperation between the two working groups should be implemented, as well as on the negotiating process of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing.

23. The consolidated text of the comments and proposals regarding the international regime prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/2) will be available at the meeting. In addition, in light of the relevance of item 8 of the provisional agenda (Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices), the results of deliberations of the Working Group on this item could constitute a contribution to the negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing.

ITEM 7. PARTICIPATORY MECHANISMS FOR INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION

7.1. *Criteria for the operation of the voluntary funding mechanism*

24. In paragraph 10 of decision VII/16 G, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish a voluntary funding mechanism under the Convention to facilitate the participation in meetings under the Convention of indigenous and local communities, giving special priority to those from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States. The funding mechanism for the participation of indigenous and local communities established by decision VII/16 G is to operate according to criteria to be developed by the Conference of the Parties in consultation with indigenous and local communities and taking into account any United Nations practice in this field.

25. Under this item, the Working Group is invited to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the criteria for the operation of the voluntary funding mechanism. A note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/5) provides possible criteria based on established United Nations practice regarding voluntary funds designed to facilitate indigenous participation.

7.2. *Role of the thematic focal point under the clearing-house mechanism*

26. In paragraph 11 of decision VII/16 G, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop the role of the thematic focal point on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention under the clearing-house mechanism. The note by the Executive Secretary on the role of the thematic focal point within the clearing-house mechanism on issues relating to Article 8(j) and related provisions (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/6) reviews this issue, with particular emphasis on the development of communication mechanisms for indigenous and local communities (in line with paragraph 11 (a), (b) and (c) of decision VII/16 G).

27. Under this item the Working Group may wish to further discuss the role of the thematic focal point and consider the suggested recommendations for the further development of appropriate communication mechanisms for indigenous and local communities, contained in document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/6.

ITEM 8. DEVELOPMENT OF ELEMENTS OF *SUI GENERIS* SYSTEMS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

28. In paragraph 6 (b) of decision VII/16 H, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group, *inter alia*, to: (a) consider non-intellectual-property-based *sui generis* forms of protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; and (b) further develop, as a priority issue, elements for *sui generis* systems listed in the annex to the decision, those being:

- (a) Statement of purpose, objectives and scope;
- (b) Clarity with regard to ownership of traditional knowledge associated with biological and genetic resources;

- (c) Set of relevant definitions;
- (d) Recognition of elements of customary law relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity with respect to: (i) customary rights in indigenous/traditional/local knowledge; (ii) customary rights regarding biological resources; and (iii) customary procedures governing access to and consent to use traditional knowledge, biological and genetic resources;
- (e) A process and set of requirements governing prior informed consent, mutually agreed terms and equitable sharing of benefits with respect to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices associated with genetic resources and relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;
- (f) Rights of traditional knowledge holders and conditions for the grant of rights.
- (g) The rights conferred;
- (h) A system for the registration of indigenous/local knowledge/Systems for the protection and preservation of indigenous/local knowledge;
- (i) The competent authority to manage relevant procedural/administrative matters with regard to the protection of traditional knowledge and benefit-sharing arrangements;
- (j) Provisions regarding enforcement and remedies;
- (k) Relationship to other laws, including international law;
- (l) Extra-territorial protections;

and to review the relevance and applicability of the Bonn Guidelines and make recommendations regarding the international regime on access and benefit sharing with a view to including *sui generis* systems and measures for the protection of traditional knowledge.

29. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile information regarding existing indigenous, local, national and regional *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge; on innovative policies, administrative and legislative measures that are supportive of customary law and practices; and on the nature of customary laws and traditional protocols of indigenous and local communities relating to customary uses and the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to develop a glossary of terms relevant to Article 8(j) and related provisions. This request is addressed in document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/7. Also, to further assist the Working Group in the consideration of these issues, a compilation of views from various indigenous peoples' organizations and non-governmental organizations has been submitted by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/18).

30. Under this item, the Working Group may wish to consider the report and further develop elements of *sui generis* systems of protection of traditional knowledge, on the basis of suggestions in document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/7, and to make recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of Parties.

ITEM 9. ETHICAL CODE OF CONDUCT TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL HERITAGE OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

31. Following up on a recommendation of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in decision VII/16 I, paragraph 5, the Conference of the Parties, , requested the Working Group to develop elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account task 16 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

32. Document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/8 contains suggested elements of a draft ethical code of conduct to guide research on traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities compiled by the Secretariat.

33. The Working Group may wish to consider the elements contained in document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/8 and to make recommendations as appropriate regarding the further development of such a code.

ITEM 10. POTENTIAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF GENETIC USE RESTRICTION TECHNOLOGIES (GURTs) ON INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

34. In paragraph 2, 3 and 4 of decision VII/16 D, the Conference of the Parties urged the Working Group on Article 8(j) “to consider the potential socio-economic impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on indigenous and local communities, at its next meeting, on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies, the outcome of deliberations of the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on this issue, and the study undertaken by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), pursuant to decision V/5, on potential impacts of genetic use technologies on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems”.

35. The report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on GURTs was circulated to the Ad Hoc Working Group at its third meeting as UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/INF/2. The report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/1/Rev.1.

36. The Executive Secretary has prepared an analysis by the Secretariat of submissions on potential socio-economic impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/9), together with a compilation of those submissions (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/6). A submission from EcoNexus and the Federation of German Scientists concerning advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies is also provided (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/17).

37. Under this item, the Working Group may wish to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, regarding the potential socio-economic impacts of GURTs on indigenous and local communities.

ITEM 11. INDICATORS FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET: STATUS OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES

38. In decision VII/30, annex II, the Conference of the Parties adopted a framework to enhance the evaluation of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan, covering seven focal areas, one of which is “protect traditional knowledge, innovations and practices”. In each of these focal areas, goals, sub-targets and indicators are to be identified. In paragraph 7 of decision VII/30, the Conference of Parties requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, respectively, to explore the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, and associated innovations, knowledge and practices of indigenous and local communities, and for the protection of innovations, knowledge and practices of indigenous and local communities, and to report the results to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

39. Annex I to decision VII/30 contains a suite of indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target, including an indicator on the status and trends in linguistic diversity and speakers of indigenous languages as a proxy for trends in traditional knowledge. The Executive Secretary has prepared an update of work undertaken so far, regarding language indicators and some possible suggestions regarding the establishment of other indicators to assess the success or failure of measures to promote or preserve traditional knowledge, innovations and practices (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/10).

40. The Working Group is invited to discuss the need and possible options for other indicators for the protection of innovations, knowledge and practices of indigenous and local communities to supplement the language indicator that has already been adopted and to make recommendations, as appropriate, for the consideration of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of suggestions contained in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/10).

ITEM 12. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

41. In decision VII/16 I, paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to consult and coordinate with the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and to collaborate with United Nations agencies and relevant international organizations with a view to organizing a workshop on cultural, environmental and social impact assessments based on the Akwé:Kon Voluntary Guidelines and aimed to the further strengthening of the understanding of the link between environment and cultural diversity, with the participation of representatives of indigenous and local communities, and urged Parties and Governments to provide financial resources in support of the organization of the workshop. Further to this request, the Executive Secretary organized, in collaboration with the Permanent Forum, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations University (UNU) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), a workshop on the Akwé:Kon Guidelines, as part of the broader symposium entitled “Conserving Cultural and Biological Diversity: the Role of Sacred Natural Sites and Cultural Landscapes” – an activity of the World Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan, in order to promote the guidelines and ensure maximum exposure. The Working Group may wish to take note of the report of the workshop contained in document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/14.

42. The development of a code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities is also in response to a United Nations Permanent Forum recommendation, and is taken up under agenda item 9 (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/8).

43. The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in collaboration with the United Nations agencies dealing with this issue, convened a Technical Workshop on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge following a recommendation at its fourth meeting to promote a collaborative, complementary and holistic approach to traditional knowledge in order to enhance better understanding of indigenous concerns and their possible solutions. Given the importance of this issue to the Working Group on Article 8(j), the Permanent Forum has made available an advanced unedited copy of the report of the workshop (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/16) for the consideration of the Working Group.

41. The note by the Executive Secretary on recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/11) provides an overview of recommendations of the Permanent Forum and actions taken to date. The Working Group may wish to take note of the document and invite the Executive Secretary to continue to cooperate with the Forum.

ITEM 13. OTHER MATTERS

42. Under this item, delegates may propose for discussion other matters related to the subject-matter of the meeting.

ITEM 14. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

43. The Working Group will be invited to adopt its report, which will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for consideration.

ITEM 15. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

44. The fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 27 January 2006.

Annex I

**DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL
WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
	A. Working documents
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/2	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/2/Add.1	In-depth review on the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions.
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/3	Progress report on the integration of the relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) into the thematic areas of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/4	Executive summary of the revised Phase one and Phase Two of the Composite Report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/Add.1	Elements of a plan of action for the retention of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, with a view to identifying actors and timeframes.
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/5	Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions: criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding mechanism
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/6	Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions : role of the thematic focal point under the clearing-house mechanism
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/7	Development of elements of <i>sui generis</i> systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices

UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/8	Elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/9	Analysis of submissions on potential socio-economic impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTS) on indigenous and local communities
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/10	Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/11	Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity

B. Information documents

UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/1	Report of the Australian regional meeting on the composite report on traditional knowledge.
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/2	Africa - Regional report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/3	Arctic - Regional report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/4	Asia/Australia - Regional report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/5	Latin America, Central America and the Caribbean - Regional report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/6	Compilation of submissions on potential socio-economic impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTS) on indigenous and local communities
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/7	North America - Regional report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity

UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/8	Pacific - Regional report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/9	Phase One – Revised – Composite report on the status and trends concerning the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity- assessment of the success of measures and initiatives to support the retention and use of traditional knowledge, including the advantages and limitations of registers as a measure to protect traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/10	Report of the African regional meeting on the composite report on traditional knowledge (New York, 21-22 April 2005)
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/11	Report of the Asian regional meeting on the composite report on traditional knowledge (Baguio City, Philippines, 28-30 April 2005)
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/12	Report of the Latin American and the Caribbean regional meeting on the composite report on traditional knowledge (New York, United States of America, 14-15 May 2005)
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/13	Report of the Advisory Group/Steering Committee on Article 8(j) and related provisions(Montreal, 11-14 July 2005)
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/14	Report of the Workshop on the Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/15	Report of the UNCTAD Commonwealth Secretariat workshop on elements of national sui generis systems for the preservation, protection and promotion of traditional knowledge innovations and practices and options for an international framework
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/16	Report of the Technical Workshop on Traditional Knowledge – advanced unedited copy submitted by the UNPFII
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/17	Submission to the Convention on Biological Diversity on “Advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies”, submitted by EcoNexus and the Federations of German Scientists

UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/INF/18

Sui Generis systems for the protection of traditional knowledge. A compilation submitted by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

C. *Other documents of relevance*

UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/INF/2

Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on the Potential Impacts of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies on Smallholder Farmers, Indigenous and Local Communities' and Farmers' Rights

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Potential impacts of genetic use technologies (GURTs) on agricultural diversity and agricultural production systems (Thematic programme of work – progress reports on implementation: agricultural biological diversity)

UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/2

Consolidated text of comments and proposals regarding the international regime on access and benefit-sharing

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Sub-Working Group I</i>	<i>Sub-Working Group II</i>
Monday 23 January 2006 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<p>Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Organizational matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Officers; 2.2 Adoption of the agenda; 2.3 Organization of work. 3. Report on progress in the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions 4. Report on progress in the integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions into the thematic programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity 12. Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 		
3 – 6 p.m.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention.

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Tuesday 24 January 2006 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.		6. International regime on access and benefit-sharing: collaboration with the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.	9. Ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities
3 – 6 p.m.		6. Item 6 (<i>continued</i>).	10. Potential socio-economic impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on indigenous and local communities.
Wednesday 25 January 2006 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.		8. Development of elements of <i>sui generis</i> systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.	11. Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
3 – 5 p.m.		Items 5,6 and 8 (<i>continued</i>)	Items 7,9,10, 11 (<i>continued</i>)
5 – 6 p.m.	Plenary (to review progress)		
Thursday 26 January 2006 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.		Item 5,6 and 8 (<i>continued</i>)	Items 7,9,10, 11 (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.		Adoption of the recommendations of Sub-Working Group I	Adoption of the recommendations of Sub-Working Group II
Friday 27 January 2006 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Adoption of recommendations under agenda items 3 to 12. 13. Other matters 14. Adoption of the report 15. Closure of the meeting		
3-6 p.m.	(<i>Continued as needed</i>)		