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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision VIII/5 B on Article 8(j) and related provisions: Composite report on status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In decision VIII/5 B, paragraph 5, on the composite report, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, to explore the possibility of developing technical guidelines for recording and documenting traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, and to analyse the potential threats of such documentation to the rights of holders of traditional knowledge, innovation and practices, with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities.

In paragraph 6, of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested that further research be conducted, subject to the availability of resources, into highly vulnerable indigenous and local communities, *inter alia*, of the Arctic, small island States and high altitudes, concerning the impacts of climate change and accelerated threats, such as pollution, drought and desertification, to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, with a focus on causes and solutions, with the outcomes of the research to be made available to the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions for attention at its fifth meeting.

The Executive Secretary is also requested in paragraph 7, in consultation with Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and all interested stakeholders, to research and prepare a report on possible measures to ensure respect for the rights of unprotected and voluntarily isolated communities taking into account their traditional knowledge and the development of access and benefit-sharing regimes.

Parties and Governments are therefore invited to provide inputs on the research to be developed on developing technical guidelines for recording and documenting traditional knowledge, on highly vulnerable indigenous and local communities and on unprotected and voluntary isolated communities, as per paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the above-mentioned decision, as soon as practicable but no later than **31st May 2007**.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary

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