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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, Montreal, Canada, 15 to 19 October 2007

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that pursuant to Decision VIII/5 of the Conference of the Parties, the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 15 to 19 October 2007. The provisional agenda is attached for your information. The annotated provisional agenda and the Information Note for Participants will be available shortly on the CBD web site at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/default.shtml>

Subject to the availability of funds in the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat will finance the participation of **one** representative from each of the developing country Parties to the Convention, including the least developed countries, small island developing states, other developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your Government's officially designated representative(s) to the meeting at your earliest convenience but no later than **15 July 2007**. Designation of representatives to attend the meeting should be submitted through official letters to be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat either by fax to **+1 514 288 6588**, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int. In view of the budget constraints, and in order to allow the participation of a larger number of delegates from sponsored parties, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets which impose restrictions with respect to the changing of passenger's name, travel dates and itinerary.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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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**

Fifth meeting
Montreal, 15-19 October 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work.
3. Progress reports on the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions:
 - (a) Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions;
 - (b) Integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions into the thematic areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. 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.
5. Plan of action for the retention of traditional knowledge.
6. International regime on access and benefit-sharing.
7. Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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8. Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
9. Elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities.
10. Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices
11. Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
12. Other matters
13. Adoption of the report
14. Closure of the meeting
