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NOTIFICATION

Nomination of Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing Montreal, Canada, 19-21 September 2007

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this Notification is to invite indigenous and local communities interested in the issue of the negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to nominate experts for the International Indigenous and Local Community Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing, in the context of Decision VIII/5 C of the Conference of the Parties.

In its Decision VIII/5 C, paragraph 6(c), the Conference of the Parties "Invite[d] Parties, Governments, donor countries and organizations to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in preparatory processes for the meetings of 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."

With the generous financial support from the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation, the Secretariat is organizing the Expert Consultation, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 19 to 21 September 2007. It is expected that the meeting will enhance Indigenous and Local Community participation in the elaboration and negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing, by providing views on issues of relevance to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices associated with genetic resources and to the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization. A tentative agenda for the meeting is attached.

Indigenous and local communities are hereby invited to submit the nominations of experts to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but **no later than 5 August 2007**. Participants wishing to receive funding from the Voluntary Trust Fund in order to participate in the Expert Consultation are kindly asked to fill out the Voluntary Fund Applications Forms, which are available in the six official languages of the United Nations, on the CBD website at the following link: <http://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml>.

The completed application forms should be sent to the Secretariat either by fax to: +15142886588, or by electronic mail as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, together with a recent *Curriculum Vitae* and the official nomination letter from the relevant organization addressed to the Executive Secretary of the CBD. The selection of funded participants will be made in consultation with the Advisory Selection Committee, as per Annex to Decision VIII/5 D, and will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account fair and equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

I look forward to the participation of your organization in the meeting and your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: Indigenous and Local Communities



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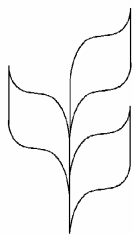
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work.
3. International regime on access and benefit-sharing: relevance to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices associated with genetic resources and to the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
