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NOTIFICATION

Access and Benefit-sharing: Peer review process for ABS studies commissioned in accordance with decision IX/12, paragraph 13 (a), (b) and (e)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification 2008-168 of 19 December 2008, which called for peer review of studies carried out in accordance with decision IX/12 paragraph 13, the Executive Secretary is pleased to announce that the drafts of the final two studies have been received:

- The study carried out in response to decision IX/12, paragraph 13 (a) and (b) is entitled: "Studies on monitoring and tracking of genetic resources".
- The study carried out in response to paragraph 13 (e) is entitled: "Study on compliance in relation to the customary law of indigenous peoples and local communities, national law, across jurisdictions, and international law".

The drafts of these studies are now available for peer review by Parties, governments, organizations, indigenous and local community organizations and stakeholders at: <https://www.cbd.int/abs/peerreview/>. **Those interested are kindly invited to provide their comments to the Secretariat no later than 13 February 2009. Comments should be forwarded to secretariat@cbd.int.**

The studies will be revised in the light of comments received and the final text will be made available as soon as possible, before the seventh meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

I thank you for your collaboration and support to the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

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