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NOTIFICATION

Sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG-8(j) 6), Montreal, Canada, 2-6 November 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Headquarters in Montreal, from 2-6 November 2009, back-to-back with the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

The provisional agenda is attached for your information. The annotated agenda is available on the CBD web site at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/> and the Information Note for Participants will be available shortly also on the website.

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, in particular the least developed and small-island developing States amongst them, and Parties with economies in transition. However, please note that the Secretariat will only be able to fund one representative from any eligible country for both meetings.

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 advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your Government's officially designated representative(s) to the meeting no later than **15 September 2009**. Designation of representatives to attend the meeting should be submitted through official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. 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.
4. Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
5. Elements of a code of ethical conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities.
6. International regime on access and benefit-sharing: provision of views to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.
7. Multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.
