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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.

In view of your interest in the issues addressed by the Working Group, I have the honour of inviting your organization to nominate a representative to attend. Designation of representatives, containing their name and contact details, should be submitted through official letters to be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, by 15 September 2009.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: UN Agencies, international organizations, IGOs, NGOs and stakeholders



Annex

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.
