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NOTIFICATION

**Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community
Capacity Building Workshop on the Convention on Biological Diversity including issues
relevant to Article 8(j) Traditional Knowledge & Access and Benefit-sharing
Third Workshop: Southern Cone Region
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 4 - 6 February 2010**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, thanks to the generous financial support from the Government of Spain, a regional capacity building workshop for indigenous and local community representatives on effective participation in the CBD processes, with a specific focus on Article 8(j) and ABS¹, will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 4 - 6 February 2010.

The workshop aims at building and strengthening capacity for indigenous and local communities women, in order to ensure their full and effective participation in the CBD process towards and beyond the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10), and also to grow and strengthen the numbers of indigenous and local community women who follow and are involved in CBD processes by enlarging networks and outreaching to new participants.

I am pleased to invite interested indigenous and local community organizations to nominate representatives by sending to the Secretariat, an expression of interest or nomination by means of an official letter of designation and recent curriculum vitae by 08 January 2010, for consideration in the selection process². Participants will be selected on the basis of a fair and equitable sub-regional selection from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay, past experience, as well as the ability to disseminate information arising from the workshop.

¹ Refer to decisions VII/16 D Annex; VIII/5 C, paragraph 6 (c); and IX/13 E, paragraph 7

² The workshop is primarily for indigenous and local community women, but men may apply for consideration

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Participants selected will be notified by mid-January. Successful applicants will be provided with economy air travel to and from Buenos Aires, and subsistence and accommodation costs during the event.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary