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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, and Access and Benefit-sharing  
Fourth Workshop: Mesoamerican Region  
Guatemala, Guatemala, 4-6 March 2010**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties, international agencies, indigenous and local community representatives and other stakeholders 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 ABS<sup>1</sup>, will be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from 04-06 March 2010.

The workshop aims specifically 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.<sup>2</sup>

I am pleased to invite interested indigenous and local community organizations to nominate representatives by sending to the Secretariat an expression of interest and nomination by means of an official letter of designation and recent curriculum vitae **by 8 February 2010**, for consideration in the selection process. Participants will be selected on the basis of a fair and equitable sub-regional selection from the countries **Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama** and relevant CV, as well as the ability to disseminate information arising from the workshop.

Participants selected will be notified by mid-February. Successful applicants will be provided with economy air travel to and from Guatemala City, and food & 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 Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

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

<sup>2</sup> The workshop is primary for indigenous and local community women but men may apply for consideration

To: CBD National Focal Points  
Indigenous and Local Community