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NOTIFICATION

Indigenous and local community negotiators meeting 13-15 March 2010, Cali, Colombia

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Parties to the Convention have recognized the importance of the participation of indigenous and local communities in the elaboration and negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit sharing in the preamble of decision IX/12 and in paragraphs 18 and 19 of that decision, which encourages Parties, other governments and international organizations to provide the ways and means to allow for sufficient preparation and to facilitate effective participation of indigenous and local communities, including through national and regional workshops, in the process of the negotiation and elaboration of the international regime, in accordance with decision VIII/5 C.

In this connection, I am pleased to inform Parties and stakeholders that, following an initiative of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) and with the financial support of the Government of Spain, a meeting for indigenous and local community negotiators will be facilitated by the Secretariat from 13-15 March, 2010, in Cali, Colombia.

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) has provided to the Secretariat the names of indigenous and local community representatives from the seven geo-cultural regions who will participate in this meeting (refer annex I). The selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regard to travel arrangements.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and Indigenous and Local Communities

Attachment.

**List of participants to the Indigenous and local community negotiators meeting
13-15 March 2010,
Cali, Colombia**

Africa

1. Ms. Lucy Mulenkei
2. Mr. Gladman Chibememe

Asia

1. Ms. Jocelyn (Joji) Carino
2. Mr. Gam Shimray

Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

1. Ms. Nyurguyana (Yana) Dordina

Europe and the Arctic

1. Mr. Mattias Ahren

Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Ms. Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe
2. Ms. Victoria Esther Camac Ramírez

North America

1. Mr. Merle Alexander

The Pacific

1. Mr. Les Malezer