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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 & Benefit-sharing

Seventh Workshop: Andean Region Bogota, Colombia, 23-25 September 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 ABS¹, will be held in Bogota, from 23-25 September 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 from the countries of the Andean region to nominate representatives by sending to the Secretariat an expression of interest or nomination by means of an official letter of designation addressed to the Executive Secretary with recent curriculum vitae of the nominee by **5 September 2010**, for consideration in the selection process². Participants will be selected on the basis of a fair and equitable sub-regional selection from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, past experience, as well as the ability to disseminate information arising from the workshop.

Participants selected will be notified by mid-September. Successful applicants will be provided with economy air travel to and from Bogota, 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 Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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

To: CBD National Focal Points; Indigenous and Local Community of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru