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**NOTIFICATION****Request for pledges/contributions to the Voluntary Trust Fund to Facilitate the  
Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on  
Biological Diversity in 2011**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honor to refer Decision X/40 on Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention. Paragraph 1 of that decision requests the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to promote the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

In this connection, I wish to bring to your attention that the successful implementation of a number of COP 10 decisions will depend upon the adequate and effective participation of indigenous and local community representatives and thus adequate resources in the Voluntary Fund for ILCs. These include but are not limited to: decision X/43, paragraph 10, on the international meeting on article 10 with a focus on 10(c) (1-3 June); decision X/43, paragraph 21, on the ad hoc expert group meeting of local community representatives (13-15 July); decision X/1 convening the first meeting first meeting the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (6 - 10 June); decision X/43, paragraph 4, convening the seventh meeting of the ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (31 October - 4 November) and decision X/9 (d), convening the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, (7 - 11 November), all of which are currently planned to be held in 2011.

Also in decision X/40, paragraph 2, Parties, Governments and relevant funding institutions and mechanisms were invited to contribute generously to the Voluntary Fund, noting that the effective participation of indigenous and local communities is essential to the work of the Convention and the achievement of its three objectives.

To: CBD National Focal Points of Potential Donor Countries

In light of the above, and in order to ensure adequate and effective participation in the above-mentioned meetings, I would appreciate receiving pledges and/or donations to the Voluntary Fund **Voluntary Fund for the participation of indigenous and local communities in the Work of the Convention** on or before 30 April 2011.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter and I take this opportunity to express my profound and deepest gratitude to Parties and Governments for their contributions and/or pledges in support of the implementation of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaïf  
Executive Secretary