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**COLLATION OF OPERATIVE TEXT SUBMITTED BY PARTIES, GOVERNMENTS,
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND
RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL REGIME ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING LISTED IN
DECISION IX/12, ANNEX I**

Addendum

**SUBMISSIONS FROM CANADA AND THE INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FORUM ON
BIODIVERSITY**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary is circulating herewith two separate submissions by Canada and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) as an addendum to the collation of operative text submitted pursuant to decision IX/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/7/4 and Add.1-2).
2. The submissions are being circulated as they were received by the Secretariat.

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CANADA

OBJECTIVE

To effectively implement the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Article 15, Article 8(j) as it relates to genetic resources, and the Convention's three objectives.

SCOPE

The international regime applies to all genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, innovations and practices covered by the Convention on Biological Diversity, subject to other international obligations, with the exclusion of human genetic resources and genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction.

The international regime will respect ongoing work relating to ABS in various intergovernmental forums, including the FAO and the WHO.

Nothing in the international regime will prevent the development, recognition and accommodation of intergovernmental agreements relating to access and benefit sharing that achieve the objectives of the Convention and are consistent with the provisions of the international regime.

The international regime will respect existing agreements relating to ABS, including the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture..

INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FORUM ON BIODIVERSITY (IIFB)

OBJECTIVE

Effectively implement the provisions of the Convention and its three objectives, specifically by:

- Regulating transparent access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, their derivatives and products, and to prevent their misappropriation and misuse;
- Ensuring the conditions and measures for the effective, fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, their derivatives and products;
- Securing compliance in user countries with national laws and requirements, including PIC and MAT, of the country of origin or of the Party that has acquired those resources in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity.

taking into account all rights over those resources, including the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, and ensuring compliance with PIC.
