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ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. As decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/12, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing held three meetings prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to complete the elaboration and negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with decisions VII/19 D and VIII/4 A.
2. The Working Group held its seventh meeting in Paris from 2 to 9 April 2009. Its eighth meeting was held in Montreal from 9 to 15 November 2009. The first part of its ninth meeting was held in Cali, Colombia, from 22 to 28 March 2010, the first resumed session in Montreal, from 10 to 16 July 2010, and the second and final resumed session in Nagoya, Japan, on 16 October 2010.
3. The reports of each of these meetings are available to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as addenda to the present note, as follows:
 - (a) *Seventh meeting*—UNEP/CBD/COP/10/5/Add.1;
 - (b) *Eighth meeting*—UNEP/CBD/COP/10/5/Add.2;
 - (c) *First part of the ninth meeting*—UNEP/CBD/COP/10/5/Add.3;
 - (d) *First resumed session of the ninth meeting*—UNEP/CBD/COP/10/5/Add.4;
 - (e) *Second resumed session of the ninth meeting*—UNEP/CBD/COP/10/5/Add.5
4. The reports will be introduced under agenda item 2.1 by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group, and discussed under agenda item 3.

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