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**NOTIFICATION**

**Informal Consultation on the Impact of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies on Indigenous and Local Communities and Farmer's Rights  
Montreal, 3 February 2002**

At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, requested the Executive Secretary, in paragraph 29 of decision V/5, to discuss with those organizations with relevant expertise and representatives of indigenous and local communities the potential impacts of the application of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on those communities and on Farmers' Rights, and to prepare a report to be considered by the Conference of the Parties.

The selection of participants in the Informal Consultation on GURTs has been determined by the Secretariat on the basis of nominations received from Governments and relevant organizations, taking into account their participation to the meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j), as mentioned in the Notification of 21 December 2001 to all Parties, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations, industry and scientific and academic institutions, as well as intergovernmental organizations.

Further to the notification dated 21 December 2001, I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the group of selected experts, who will participate in the Informal Consultation on the Impact of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies on Indigenous and Local Communities and Farmer's Rights.

The list of invited selected participants experts and organizations for the Informal Consultation on the Impact of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies on Indigenous and Local Communities and Farmer's Rights is provided in Annex I.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary



## Annex I

### LIST OF SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

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Ms. Julie Delahanty, ETC Group, Canada  
Mr. Jorge Ernesto Quesada Diaz, El Salvador  
Mr. Paulino Bololo Ekobo, Ecuatorial Guinea  
Ms. Nahla Hassab Elrasoul Eljack, Sudan  
Ms. Patricia Borraz Fernandez, WATU Accion Indigena, Spain  
Ms. Beartriz Zapata Ferrufino, Bolivia  
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Mr. Raed Ahmed Bani Hani, Fertile Crescent Environmental Society, Jordan  
Mr. Veit Koester, Denmark  
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Ms. Ahora Mead, Cultural Heritage of Indigenous Issues New Zealand  
Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mebiame, Gabon  
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Mr. Igor Mishkorudny, Belarus  
Ms. Christine Morris, Griffith University, Australia  
Ms. Lucy Mullenkei, African Indigenous Women Organization, Kenya  
Mr. Jean-Colin Namedou, Congo  
Mr. Raphael James Ogouchi, Bénin  
Ms. Dominga Polanco, Dominican Republic  
Mr. Hubertus Samangun, Ikatan Cendikjawan Tanlbar, Indonesia  
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