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**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Opening ceremony of the third meeting of the Ad-Hoc Open-ended inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, 1-8 December 2003**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this Notification is to invite all participants in the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open ended inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity to attend the opening ceremony which will be held on **Monday, 8 December 2003 at 9:30 a.m.** at the premises of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the hall outside the Plenary room (Assembly Hall, fourth floor). The ceremony will be performed by the representatives of the Kanien'kehaka (Mohawk community).

The opening ceremony will last approximately 30 minutes and will include two traditional Kanien'kehaka addresses (the Thanksgiving and elements of the Requickening). In order to facilitate the understanding of rituals performed and their meanings a leaflet on the afore-mentioned addresses will be made available to Delegates in the countries' pigeonholes and at the registration desk.

Given the nature of the ceremony, delegates are encouraged to wear their traditional costumes.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points  
Participants in the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j)

