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NOTIFICATION

**Workshop on cultural, environmental and social impact assessments based on the Akwé:
Kon Voluntary Guidelines and aimed at further strengthening the understanding of the
link between environment and cultural diversity**

I have the honour to refer to Notification 2005-024 dated 10 March 2005 regarding the above-mentioned workshop to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 30 May to 2 June 2005, in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations University (UNU), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The workshop is being held as part of a broader symposium on the theme “Conserving Cultural and Biological Diversity: the Role of Sacred Natural Sites and Cultural Landscapes”- an Activity of the World Expo 2005.

I am pleased to inform Parties that the selection of participants to the above-mentioned meeting has been completed. A list of all nominations received is contained in Annex 1.

On Wednesday, 1 June 2005, a Panel will be held (Session 9 of the Symposium) entitled “Protective Measures for Sacred Sites in the Context of the Akwé:Kon Voluntary Guidelines”. The panel will consist of the following experts:

Chair:

▪Mr. William Langeveldt, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, member for Africa.

Other panel members and theme of their presentation:

- Mr. John Scott, Programme Officer SCBD: “The CBD and the Development of the Akwé:Kon Guidelines Including Issues of PIC and MAT”;
- Mr. Merle Alexander, Indigenous Advisor Kitasso Xai’xais Nation, Canada: “Indigenous Perspectives on the Akwé:Kon Guidelines and Relevant Case Studies”;
- Ms. Erjen Khamaganova, member of the SCBD Advisory Group/Steering Committee on Article 8(j), Russia: “Case Studies of Protecting Sacred Sites in the Russian Federation”;
- Mr. Alejandro Argumedo, member of the SCBD Advisory Group/Steering Committee on Article 8(j), Peru: “Case Studies from Peru”; and
- Mr. Pashuram Tamang, from the Tamang indigenous people of Nepal, “ UNPFII’s Mandate on Environment”.

To: CBD National Focal Points



Other selected participants are:

1. Mr. Victor Eduardo Alonqueo Budon (Chile)
2. Mr. Terry Orlando Raymond (Dominica)
3. Mrs. Rose Kisob Yango (Cameroon)

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

List of all Nominations Received

1. Mr. Juan Antonio Arévalo Sgró Namuncurá, Argentina
2. Ms. Lisa Belhumeur, Austria
3. Mr. Sonam Yangley, Bhutan
4. Mr. Tshewang Gyalpo, Bhutan
5. Mr. Kado Tshering, Bhutan
6. Ms. Fernanda Kayngang, Brazil
7. Mr. Aylton Krenak, Brazil
8. Mr. Jorge Terena, Brazil
9. Mr. Antonio Krahô, Brazil
10. Ms. Joênia Carvalho, Brazil
11. Mrs. Rose Kisob Yango, Cameroon
12. Mr. Victor Eduardo Alonqueo Boudon, Chile
13. Ms. Maritza García García, Cuba
14. Mr. Terry Orlando Raymond, Dominica
15. Ms. Youssria Abdul Basset Hamed, Egypt
16. Mr. Seyoum Mengistu, Ethiopia,
17. Mr. Ary Senjaya Suhandi, Indonesia
18. Ms. Mahin Abasi Bafghi, Iran
19. Mr. Somsanouk Phommakhoth, Laos PDR
20. Mr. Boima Bafaie, Liberia
21. Mr. Andon Bojadzi, Macedonia
22. Ms. G. Buyandelger, Mongolia
23. Mr. Maciej Krupa, Poland
24. Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Elfahal, Sudan
25. Mr. Thomas Michael Mbeyela, Tanzania
26. Mr. Davy Siame, Zambia