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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision VIII/4 on Access and Benefit-sharing: Other approaches, as set out in decision VI/24B, including consideration of an international certificate of origin/source/legal provenance

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VIII/4C, paragraph 1, the Conference of the Parties decided “to establish a group of technical experts to explore and elaborate possible options, without prejudging their desirability, for the form, intent and functioning of an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance and analyse its practicality, feasibility, costs and benefits, with a view to achieving the objectives of Articles 15 and 8(j) of the Convention.”

In paragraph 5 of the same decision, Parties, Governments, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders including the private sector were invited “to undertake further work, including through research and submission of views, on the possible options for the form, intent and functioning of an international certificate of origin/source/legal provenance and on its practicality, feasibility, costs and benefits, with a view to achieving the objectives of Article 15 and 8(j), including consideration of certificate models as an input for the work of the Expert Group.”

Views and other information provided will be compiled by the Secretariat and made available at the meeting of the group of technical experts.

International organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders are invited to submit to the Secretariat **by 1 September 2006** the results of their research and work on this issue and their views.

Please note that, in order to facilitate preparatory work, all submissions should be provided in Word format.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

To: International organizations, indigenous and local community representatives and all relevant stakeholders



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