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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision VIII/5D on Article 8(j) and related provisions: Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions/ Voluntary Trust Fund

Dear Sir/Madam,

In decision VIII/5 D, on mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions, the Conference of the Parties adopted the draft criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism. The primary focus of the Fund is to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in meetings under the Convention, including meetings of the indigenous and local community advisory group/steering committee to the programme of work of Article 8(j) and related provisions, established by decision VI/10, annex I, paragraph 28 and VII/16E, paragraph 4(d), and relevant meetings of ad hoc technical expert groups, and in particular but not exclusively those that are related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and Governments, as well as relevant funding institutions and mechanisms to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund.

In view of the above decision, I would like to invite Parties and governments to make contributions to the Voluntary Trust Fund to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the work of the Convention. Please note that in supporting participants from indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Fund remains the only United Nations fund specifically for indigenous and local community participation in meetings related to the Convention.

I thank you in advance for any contribution to this Fund and for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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