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9 March 2007

## REMINDER

## NOTIFICATION

Subject: - Decision VIII/4 on Access and Benefit-sharing

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to decision VIII/4 of the Conference of the Parties, through notifications 2006-045, 2006-044, 2006-042 and 2006-041, of 25 May 2006, Parties were invited to provide contributions to the Secretariat in preparation for the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing to be held on 8-12 October 2007. Copies of the original notifications are annexed for ease of reference.

As the deadline originally set for these contributions has passed, Parties that have not already done so are reminded to provide their submissions to the Secretariat as soon as possible and **no later than 30 April 2007**. These contributions will greatly assist with the preparation of the documentation for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

I thank you in advance for your collaboration and your continued support in the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and ABS National Focal Points

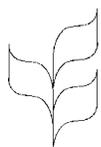


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25 May 2006

## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Decision VIII/4 on Access and Benefit-sharing: International regime on access and benefit-sharing**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VIII/4 A, paragraph 6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing to continue the elaboration and negotiation of the international regime and to complete its work at the earliest possible time before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In paragraph 3 of this decision, Parties, Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders are invited “to provide information regarding the inputs on an analysis of existing legal and other instruments at national, regional and international levels relating to access and benefit-sharing to the Secretariat of the Convention four months prior to the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing” and the Secretariat, in paragraph 4, is requested to prepare a compilation of the information provided and to make it available to the Working Group.

In paragraph 8, Parties, Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders are invited “to submit to the Secretariat further information relevant to the gap analysis” and, in paragraph 9, the Executive Secretary is requested “to prepare, for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, the final version of the gap analysis referred to in decision VII/19D, annex, paragraph (a) (i)...”.

In paragraph 10, Parties are invited “to submit to the Executive Secretary information on the legal status of genetic resources in their national law, including their property law where applicable”, and the Executive Secretary is requested “to submit a report to the fifth meeting of the Working Group”.

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Parties are invited to submit to the Secretariat **by 31 December 2006:**

- further information relevant to the gap analysis;
- information on the legal status of genetic resources in their national law, including their property law where applicable

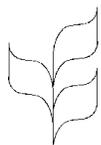
They are also invited to submit to the Secretariat as soon as possible and **no later than 1 February 2007:**

- information regarding the inputs on an analysis of existing legal and other instruments at national, regional and international levels relating to access and benefit-sharing.

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

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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Decision VIII/4 on access and benefit-sharing: Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of their Utilization**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VIII/4B, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties invited “Parties to submit reports on their experiences in developing and implementing Article 15 of the Convention at the national level, including obstacles encountered and lessons learned, four months prior to the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing” and, in paragraph 3, it requested the Secretariat “to prepare a compilation of the information provided in accordance with the paragraph above and make it available for the work of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fifth meeting”.

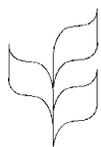
Parties are invited to submit reports on their experiences **no later than 1 February 2007**.

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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Decision VIII/4 on Access and Benefit-sharing: Measures, including consideration of their feasibility, practicality and costs, to support compliance with prior informed consent of the Contracting Party providing genetic resources and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted in Contracting Parties with users of such resources under their jurisdiction**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VIII/4D, paragraph 3, the Conference of the Parties requested “the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fifth and sixth meetings to further consider measures to ensure compliance with prior informed consent in cases where there is utilization of genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge, in accordance with Article 15 of the Convention and national legislation, and with the mutually agreed terms on which access was granted.”

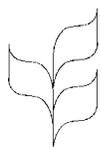
Parties are invited to submit to the Secretariat, **by 31 December 2006**, information regarding measures taken to support compliance with prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted, where there is utilization of genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge. This information will be compiled by the Secretariat and made available to the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Decision VIII/4 on Access and Benefit-sharing: Strategic Plan: Future evaluation of progress – the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VII/30 on the Strategic Plan, the Conference of the Parties decided to develop a framework to enhance the evaluation of achievements and progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and, in particular, its mission, to achieve a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national levels. The framework covers a number of focal areas, including: “Ensuring the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources”. When addressing the issue of indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target at the global level, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 7 of this decision, requested the Working Group on access and benefit-sharing to explore the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and to report the results to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

The Conference of the Parties, in decision VIII/4E, paragraph 1, requested “the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fifth meeting to further address this issue of the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources”. It also invited “Parties, Governments, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders to submit their views and information to the Executive Secretary in accordance with recommendation III/5 of the third meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing” and requested the Executive Secretary to compile the views and information received and to make such compilation available to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fifth meeting.

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Parties are invited to provide their views and information to the Secretariat on the need and possible options for indicators for access and benefit-sharing by **31 December 2006**.

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