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NOTIFICATION

Participation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the Fifth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing and the fifth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to Decision VIII/31 paragraph 22 of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, I have the honour to inform you that the Secretariat has received, to date, a total of **US\$402,843** from donors in support of the participation of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the fifth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (WGABS-5) and the fifth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-5), scheduled to be convened in Montreal, Canada from 8 to 12 October and 15 to 19 October 2007, respectively.

Funding will be allocated in accordance with the "Interim Arrangements for the Allocation of Funding for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process and its Biosafety Protocol", which has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 21 of Decision VIII/31 and endorsed by the Bureau of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties at its meeting on 5 December 2006. It states that, "*...priority will be given in the first instance to the least developed countries and small island developing States on a first-come-first-served basis*". Exceptions to this prioritization "*... in the case where funding is explicitly earmarked by donors for a specific group of countries..., will also be on a first-come-first-served basis*".

In view of the above, the Secretariat wishes to urge Parties from developing countries and economies in transition, for which financial assistance will not be provided, to seek alternative funding for their participation in these important meetings.

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

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