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NOTIFICATION

**Sixth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing:
Informal consultations by the Co-chairs
19-20 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Co-chairs of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-6), Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will be holding informal consultations in Geneva, Switzerland, on 19-20 January 2008 to prepare for the sixth meeting of the Working Group, which will also be held in Geneva on 21-25 January 2008.

The Co-chairs wish to inform Parties, Governments, organizations and stakeholders that they will hold open-ended informal consultations for all interested delegations and stakeholders, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Saturday, 19 January, and from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, 20 January 2008. In addition, the Co-chairs will be available for consultations with individual delegations or representatives of regional and other groups from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on 19 January, and from 9:00 to 10:30 am on 20 January.

The open-ended informal consultations and the consultations with individual delegations will be held at UNEP's Geneva Office located in the International Environment House, 11-13 Chemin des Anémones, Châtelaine. Information on how to reach the International Environment House, as well as a map, is available at: <http://www.environmenthouse.ch/docs/Directions%20to%20IEH.pdf>.

ABSWG-6 delegates who wish to meet with the Co-chairs individually and/or to participate in the open-ended informal consultations on 19 and/or 20 January are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat at their earliest convenience in order to make necessary arrangements.

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

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Executive Secretary

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