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NOTIFICATION

Co-Chairs Informal Meeting on Capacity Development for Access and Benefit-sharing 22 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, at the occasion of the sixth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, the Co-chairs of the Working Group are convening an informal meeting on capacity development for access and benefit-sharing. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22 January 2008, from 18:15 to 20:00 hours, in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Palais des Nations, in room XXVII, in the English language.

In light of the ongoing negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing, you are cordially invited to participate in this meeting to discuss capacity-development needs related to access and benefit-sharing. The meeting will open with a small panel of presenters currently involved in ABS capacity-development activities, followed by a discussion open to the floor.

For those interested in attending the aforementioned capacity building discussion, but who are not planning to participate in the formal meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing to be held at the Palais des Nations from 21 to 25 January 2008, please note that in order to obtain access to the Palais you will need to register for the meeting in advance by contacting the Secretariat. Government representatives will need to fill out the registration form attached herewith. Representatives from organizations will need to submit an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax, or by email as a scanned attachment, signed by the organisation's chief executive or president, indicating the names, titles and coordinates of nominated representatives to the meeting.

If you wish to participate in the informal meeting on capacity development for access and benefit-sharing, you are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat **by 11 January 2008**, in order to make necessary arrangements.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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**CO-CHAIRS INFORMAL MEETING ON CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING
22 JANUARY 2008**

United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)
Palais des Nations, room XXVII
Avenue de la Paix 8-14, Geneva

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Amb. / Dr. / Prof. Female Male

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