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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision IX/12 on Access and Benefit-sharing: submission of views and proposals for the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders to submit views and proposals, including operational text, for the further elaboration and negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing in preparation for the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. The meeting will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in Montreal, on 9-15 November 2009.

In paragraph 7 of decision IX/12, the Conference of the Parties decided on the purpose of the three meetings of the Working Group on ABS to be held prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It was decided that the eighth meeting will address the following items:

“(b) *Eighth meeting*. Negotiation of operational text on nature, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, capacity-building, compliance, fair and equitable benefit-sharing, access;”

In preparation for the eighth meeting of the Working Group, in keeping with paragraphs 9 and 10 of decision IX/12, Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders are invited to submit views and proposals including operational text, where relevant, in respect of the main components listed in annex 1 to decision IX/12 that were not addressed at the seventh meeting of the Working Group, namely nature, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and capacity-building. It should be noted that any submissions on these three issues already provided to the Secretariat prior to the seventh meeting will be included in the collations/compilation for the eighth meeting and, therefore, need not be repeated.

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the same decision, the Executive Secretary will compile the submissions received and collate them in three separate documents:

- (a) Any operative text submitted;
- (b) Operative text including related explanations and rationale;

To: CBD National Focal Points and ABS National Focal Points, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders

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(c) Any other views and information;

by subject matter, in accordance with the annex I to decision IX/12 and as indicated in the submissions, and identify in the collation the respective sources.

Further, any submissions related to the main components of the Regime taken up at the seventh meeting of the Working Group , and which will again be taken up at the eighth meeting (e.g. compliance, fair and equitable benefit-sharing, access), should build on the annex to the report of the Working Group's seventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/7/8). Such submissions will also be compiled by the Secretariat.

In accordance with the above, Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders are kindly requested to provide their submissions to the Secretariat as soon as practicable but no later than **6 July 2009**.

In order to facilitate the preparation of documentation, it would be most appreciated if submissions could be provided in a word processing format but not in PDF.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary