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NOTIFICATION

Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity Building Workshop on the Convention on Biological Diversity including issues relevant to Article 8(j) Traditional Knowledge, & Access and Benefit-sharing Montreal, Canada, 29-31 October 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties, international agencies, indigenous and local community representatives and other stakeholders, that thanks to the generous financial support from the Government of Spain, a regional capacity building workshop for indigenous and local community representatives on effective participation in the CBD processes, with a specific focus on the Working Groups on Article 8(j) and ABS¹, will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 29-31 October, 2009, prior to the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions (2-6 November) and the eighth meeting of the Working Group on ABS (9-15 November).

The workshop aims specifically at building and strengthening capacity for indigenous and local communities women, in order to ensure their full and effective participation in the CBD process towards and beyond the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10), and also to grow and strengthen the numbers of indigenous and local community women who follow and are involved in CBD processes by enlarging networks and outreaching to new participants².

I am pleased to invite interested indigenous and local community organizations to nominate representatives by sending to the Secretariat, an expression of interest or nomination by means of an official letter of designation and recent *curriculum vitae* by **11 September 2009**, for consideration in the selection process. Participants will be selected on the basis of a fair sub-regional representation of the LAC region and relevant CVs, as well as the ability to disseminate information arising from the workshop.

¹ Refer to decisions VII/16 D Annex; VIII/5 C, paragraph 6(c); and IX 13 E, paragraph 7.

² The workshop is primary for indigenous and local community women, but men may apply for consideration.

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Participants selected for funding to participate on this three-day workshop will be notified by mid-September. Successful applicants will be provided with economy air travel to and from Montreal, and a daily subsistence allowance for seven days to facilitate their participation in the workshop, the indigenous preparatory processes (1 November) and participation, for the first three days of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) (2-4 November, 2009).

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary