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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Eighth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing: Informal consultations with the Co-chairs and regional consultations, 7-8 November 2009, Montreal, Canada

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, Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will be holding informal consultations prior to the eighth meeting of the Working Group. Both the informal consultations and the eighth meeting of the Working Group will be held in the conference facilities of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), in Montreal, Canada.

In addition, in accordance with decision IX/12, paragraph 5, arrangements have been made for regional and interregional consultations.

Informal consultations with the Co-chairs

The Co-chairs will hold open-ended informal consultations for all interested delegations and stakeholders, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, 8 November 2009. The open-ended informal consultations will be held in room 3 of the ICAO Conference Center.

In addition, the Co-chairs will be available for consultations with individual delegations or representatives of regional and other groups, as well as stakeholders, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 November. The consultations with individual delegations will be held in the Co-chairs' office, also located in the ICAO Conference Center.

Delegates who wish to meet with the Co-chairs individually, on 7 November, are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat at their earliest convenience in order to make necessary arrangements.

To : CBD National Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points, international organisations, indigenous and local community organisations and stakeholders



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Regional and interregional consultations

In accordance with decision IX/12, paragraph 5, arrangements have also been made for regional and interregional consultations from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on 7 November, and from 3 to 6 p.m. on 8 November. Information regarding meeting rooms for the regional groups will be available on site.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary