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NOTIFICATION

Designation of a National Focal Point for Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS NFP)

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested “Parties to designate a national focal point and one or more competent national authorities, as appropriate, to be responsible for access and benefit-sharing arrangements or to provide information on such arrangements within its jurisdiction” (decision V/26, paragraph 1). The Conference of the Parties also urged Parties to notify the Executive Secretary of the names and addresses of their national focal points and competent authorities (decision V/26, paragraph 2).

As a follow up to these requests by the Conference of the Parties, I wish to draw your kind attention to the fact that your Government has not yet nominated a national focal point for access and benefit-sharing. With the anticipated finalization of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing, in 2010, you will no doubt agree that this measure takes on added significance.

I therefore invite your Government to submit to the Secretariat the name and contact details of your designated national focal point on access and benefit-sharing at your earliest convenience and no later than **26 February 2010**.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points that have not yet nominated an ABS NFP (see attached list)

List of countries that have not yet nominated an ABS NFP

1. Afghanistan
2. Angola
3. Bahamas
4. Bahrain
5. Bangladesh
6. Belarus
7. Belize
8. Benin
9. Bolivia
10. Brunei Darussalam
11. Bulgaria
12. Cape Verde
13. Chad
14. Congo
15. Cook Island
16. Cyprus
17. Democratic Republic of the Congo
18. El Salvador
19. Equatorial Guinea
20. Eritrea
21. Finland
22. Gambia
23. Greece
24. Guatemala
25. Guinea-Bissau
26. Guyana
27. Haiti
28. Honduras
29. Iceland
30. Iraq
31. Jordan
32. Kazakhstan
33. Kenya
34. Kiribati
35. Kyrgyzstan
36. Lao People's Democratic Republic
37. Latvia
38. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
39. Liechtenstein
40. Luxembourg
41. Malawi
42. Malaysia
43. Marshall Islands
44. Mauritania
45. Mauritius
46. Micronesia (Federated States of)
47. Monaco
48. Montenegro
49. Morocco
50. Namibia
51. Nauru
52. Nicaragua
53. Niue
54. Oman
55. Papua New Guinea
56. Paraguay
57. Philippines
58. Portugal
59. Republic of Korea
60. Russian Federation
61. Saint Kitts and Nevis
62. Samoa
63. San Marino
64. Sao Tome and Principe
65. Sierra Leone
66. Slovakia
67. Slovenia
68. Spain
69. Sri Lanka
70. Suriname
71. Tajikistan
72. Thailand
73. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
74. Timor-Leste
75. Tonga
76. Trinidad and Tobago
77. Turkmenistan
78. Ukraine
79. United Arab Emirates
80. United Republic of Tanzania
81. Uruguay
82. Vanuatu
83. Yemen
84. Zimbabwe