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NOTIFICATION

Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 9), Cali, Colombia, March 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 9) will be held in Cali, Colombia, on 22-28 March 2010.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is attached for your information and is available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/>. Other documents for the meeting will be made available no later than sixty days prior to the meeting. The information note for participants will be made available as soon as practicable on the web site of the Convention at the same address.

In accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 of decision IX/12 of the Conference of the Parties, the meeting will be held over the duration of seven consecutive days and will be preceded by two days of regional and interregional consultations, on 20-21 March 2010. In addition, as decided by the Working Group at its eighth meeting, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group will convene a three-day inter-regional informal consultation on 16-18 March 2010. Further information on the inter-regional informal consultation, to be provided by the Co-chairs, will be circulated as soon as possible.

In view of your interest in the issues addressed by the Working Group, I have the honour of inviting your indigenous and local community to nominate a representative to attend the meeting. Designation of representatives, containing their name and contact details, should be submitted through official letters to be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat by fax to **+1 514 288 6588**, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but **no later than 1st February 2010**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: Indigenous and Local Community Representatives

Annex

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. International regime on access and benefit-sharing: consolidation of operational texts developed at the seventh and eighth meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
