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NOTIFICATION

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

Dear Madam/Sir,

The present notification refers to the submission of views and proposals on preambular text, definitions and text for inclusion in Annex II of the report of the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing in connection with the elaboration and negotiation of the International Regime on access and benefit-sharing and in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Working Group, to be held at the Centro de Eventos Valle del Pacífico, in Cali, Colombia, on 22-28 March 2010.

At its eighth meeting, in November 2009, the Working Group built a consolidated text, including all the main elements of the International Regime, to serve as the basis for further negotiations. This consolidated text is found in Annex I of the report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/8/8). Annex II of the same report, contains operative text related to institutional issues, implementing provisions and final clauses relevant to the consolidation of the International Regime.

At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs indicated that no further submissions on main components contained in Annex I were requested. However, new submissions would be allowed for preambular text, definitions and text for inclusion in Annex II (Proposals for Operational Texts Left in Abeyance for Consideration at the Next Meeting of the Working Group).

In light of the above, in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Working Group, Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders may submit views and proposals including operational text, where relevant, in respect of preambular text, definitions and text for inclusion in Annex II.

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

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In accordance with paragraph 10 of Decision IX/12, the Executive Secretary will compile the submissions received and make them available for WG-ABS 9.

Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders who wish to submit proposals to the Secretariat are kindly requested to do so as soon as practicable but **no later than 15 February 2010** so as to allow for their timely circulation prior to the meeting.

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