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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Ninth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing: Informal consultations with the Co-chairs and regional consultations, 20-21 March 2010, Cali, Colombia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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 ninth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. The informal consultations will be held in the same venue as the meeting of the Working Group: the Centro de Eventos Valle Del Pacífico (CEVP), in Cali, Colombia. 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, 21 March 2010.

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 20 March. The consultations with individual delegations will be held in the Co-Chairs' office at the CEVP. Delegates who wish to meet with the Co-Chairs individually are kindly requested to so inform the Secretariat at their earliest convenience. The Secretariat will make the necessary arrangements and confirm appointments in due course.

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

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 20 March, and from 3 to 6 p.m. on 21 March. Information regarding meeting rooms for the regional groups will be available on site.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary