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NOTIFICATION

Resumed ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 9), Nagoya, Japan, 16 October 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to confirm that the resumed ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 9) will be held at the Nagoya Congress Center in Nagoya, Japan, on 16 October 2010.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is attached for your information and is available on the CBD website at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/>. Other documents for the meeting, as well as the information note for participants, will be made available as soon as practicable on the website of the Convention at the same address.

The Working Group is expected to consider the results of the meeting of the Interregional Negotiating Group (ING) on ABS, to be held from 18-21 September 2010, and to finalize the international regime for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting (COP 10).

Since the meeting of the Working Group on ABS will be held back-to-back with the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat will only be able to fund one representative from any eligible country for both meetings. Travel arrangements for representatives selected to receive funding from the Secretariat for COP 10 will be arranged to allow participation in both meetings.

Parties are invited to communicate to the Secretariat the name(s) and coordinates of their Government's officially designated representative(s) to the meeting **no later than 22 September 2010**. Designation of representatives to attend the meeting should be submitted through official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to **+1 514 288 6588**, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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Ninth meeting (second resumed session)
Nagoya, Japan, 16 October 2010

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Finalization of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
