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NOTIFICATION

Resumed meeting of the Interregional Negotiating Group (ING) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Nagoya, Japan, 13-15 October 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following consultations held at the Ministerial breakfast convened in conjunction with the High Level Event of the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly on biodiversity, I am very pleased to inform you that the Interregional Negotiating Group (ING) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (Working Group on ABS) will meet in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan at the Nagoya International Conference Centre in room 141-142, building 1, 4th floor, from 13 to 15 October 2010.

Under its Co-Chairs, Mr. Timothy Hodges and Mr. Fernando Casas, the group will further negotiate the text of the Draft Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity found in the outcome of the ING meeting held on 18-21 September 2010 in Montreal (document [UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/9/ING/1](#)) and available on the Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/>.

This ING meeting will help facilitate the convening of the second resumed session of the 9th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group, to be held in Nagoya, on 16 October 2010, during which the Working Group is meant to finalize the International Regime for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting (COP 10). A scenario note for the resumed ING is under preparation by the Co-Chairs and will be transmitted shortly.

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 10 October 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

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