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NOTIFICATION

Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-7), Montreal, Canada, 31 October to 4 November 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the seventh meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-7) will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters in Montreal, from 31 October to 4 November 2011, back-to-back with the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-15), which will be held from 7 to 11 November 2011.

The provisional agenda is attached for your information. The pre-session and other relevant documentation for the meeting, as well as the Information Note for Participants, will be made available as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than three months in advance of the meeting at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-07>.

In accordance with rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the designation of representatives to attend the WG8J-7 meeting should be submitted through an official letter to be addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, and sent to the Secretariat by fax at +1 514-288-6588 or as a scanned email attachment to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 September 2011**.

Please note that subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of **only one representative** from each of the developing countries Parties to the Convention, including the least developed countries, small island developing States, other developing countries, and countries with economies in transition, **for both meetings, i.e. the WG8J-7 meeting and the SBSTTA-15 meeting**. Eligible Parties to the Convention wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but **no later than 9 September 2011**, of the name and coordinates of the Government's officially designated representative to benefit from such financial support. It will not be possible for the Secretariat to respond positively to request for funding received after the deadline.

To: CBD National Focal Points

In view of the increased security procedures for travellers and budget constraints, and in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meetings, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored delegates that impose restrictions with regard to changing the passenger's name, travel date and itinerary. In this respect, it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate name changes if they are received after **9 September 2011**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment



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AD HOC OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL
WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND
RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY

Seventh meeting
Montreal, 31 October-4 November 2011

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Progress report on the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention.
5. In-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues: ecosystem management, ecosystem services and protected areas.
6. Multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity:
 - (a) Tasks 7, 10, and 12 of the revised multi-year programme of work;
 - (b) Task 15 of the revised multi-year programme of work;
 - (c) Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices;
 - (d) Strategy to integrate Article 10, with a focus on Article 10(c), as a cross-cutting issue into the programmes of work and thematic areas of the Convention;
 - (e) Development of indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use.
7. Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.
