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## NOTIFICATION

### **Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 8), Montreal, Canada, from 7 to 11 October 2013**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the eighth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 8) will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters in Montreal, from 7 to 11 October 2013, back-to-back with the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 17), which will be held from 14 to 18 October 2013.

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 in due course and no later than six weeks in advance of the meeting at the following internet address: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-08>.

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 8 meeting should be submitted through an official letter to be addressed to the Executive Secretary, and sent to the Secretariat by fax at +1 514-288-6588 or as a scanned e-mail attachment to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible, but no later than **6 September 2013**.

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 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 8 and the SBSTTA 17. 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 **16 August 2013**, 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.

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 **16 August 2013**.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND  
RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY

Eighth meeting  
Montreal, 7-11 October 2013

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions and mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention.
4. Multi-Year Programme of Work on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity:
  - (a) Article 10(c), as a new major component of work of the revised work programme for Article 8(j) and related provisions;
  - (b) Best-practice guidelines that would facilitate enhancement of the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge (Task 15);
  - (c) How tasks 7, 10 and 12 could best contribute to work under the Convention and to the Nagoya Protocol;
  - (d) *Sui generis* systems for the protection, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
5. Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
6. In-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues: “Connecting traditional knowledge systems and science, such as under IPBES, including gender dimensions”.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.

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