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

In view of your organization's interest in the issues being addressed by the Working Group, I have the honour of inviting your organization to participate in this meeting. Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your organization's representative(s) to this meeting. Kindly note that the designation of representative(s) should be submitted in the form of an official letter 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 as soon as possible, but no later than **6 September 2013**.

I look forward to the participation of your indigenous or local community in the meeting and your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: International organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant organizations



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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

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.
