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NOTIFICATION

Progress on Implementation of the Programme of Work for Article 8(j) and related provisions: Request for contributions to the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations, to submit views and information on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity, including on the various elements of the target, as well as implementation of the plan of action on customary sustainable use of biological diversity¹.

The Conference of the Parties in decision XIII/1, paragraph 22, requested that the Executive Secretary prepare a document on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 for the consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

An interim progress report has been prepared for consideration by the tenth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, which will take place from 13 to 16 December 2017. Based on submissions received, this report will be updated for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting, scheduled for 9 to 13 July 2018, Montreal, Canada.

In order to facilitate the timely preparation of documentation for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations are invited to submit their contributions on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18, as soon as possible and no later than **26 January 2018**.

Please note that all submissions should be provided, preferably electronically, to secretariat@cbd.int.

Thank you for your usual cooperation and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

¹ Refer to Decision XII/12 B, Annex

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, TK Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local community organizations, and other relevant organizations