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NOTIFICATION

Informal consultations on the preparation of the forthcoming meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit - sharing (ABSWG-5 and 6) with the Co-chairs of the Working Group 7 July 2007, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will be holding informal consultations on the preparation of the forthcoming meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefitsharing (ABSWG-5 and 6) with interested delegates at the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12) and the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2).

All interested delegates attending the SBSTTA-12 and/or WGRI-2 are welcome to attend these open-ended informal consultations, which will be held in room VI (level -1) at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Headquarters, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, on Saturday, 7 July 2007. The Co-chairs will also be available in the afternoon for discussions with representatives of regions or individual delegates.

Delegates in the SBSTTA-12 and/or WGRI-2, who wish to participate in the consultations, are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaf Executive Secretary

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