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NOTIFICATION

Resource mobilization: Assessing the contribution of collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities and safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms

Madam/Sir,

At its tenth meeting, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8j-10), held from 13 to 16 December 2017 in Montreal, Canada, took note of the documents by the Executive Secretary on the referenced topics, namely:

- (i) *“Elements of methodological guidance for identifying, monitoring, and assessing the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”* (CBD/WG8J/10/5); and
- (ii) *“Taking the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms into account when selecting, designing and implementing biodiversity financing mechanisms and when developing instrument-specific safeguards”* (CBD/WG8J/10/6).

In paragraph 1 of its recommendation 10/4 on the agenda item, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions invited Parties, other Governments, stakeholders, and indigenous peoples and local communities to submit views to the Executive Secretary on these notes. The documents are available under the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/sbstta22-sbi2/review.shtml>.

I wish to invite you to submit your views on the referenced documents to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience but no later than **25 February 2018**.

As requested in paragraph 2 of the relevant recommendation, the submissions received will be compiled and made available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention. They will also be used as a basis, together with the views of indigenous peoples and local communities already expressed at the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and provided in the annex to the relevant recommendation, to revise these documents, and the draft recommendations therein, for consideration by the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which will be held from 9-13 July 2018, in Montreal, Canada.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

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

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To : CBD National Focal Points and Resource Mobilization Focal Points, stakeholders, and indigenous peoples and local communities