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NOTIFICATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions,
4-8 February 2002, Montreal, Canada**

I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to decision V/16 of the Conference of the Parties, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will meet at the International Civil Aviation Organization, in Montreal, Canada, from 4 to 8 February 2002.

I am pleased to attach the following pre-session documents for the meeting, in the English language:

- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/1 Provisional Agenda
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/1/Add.1 Annotated Provisional Agenda
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/2 Report on progress in the integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions into the thematic programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/3 Review of progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/4 Participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/5 Outline of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/6 Draft guidelines or recommendations for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on sacred sites and on lands and waters occupied or used by indigenous and local communities
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/6/Add.1 Background to the draft guidelines or recommendations for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on sacred sites and on lands and waters occupied or used by indigenous and local communities

To: Participants to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions



- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/7 Assessment of the effectiveness of existing subnational, national and international instruments, particularly intellectual property rights instruments, that may have implications on the protection of the knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/INF.1 Compilation and overview of existing instruments, guidelines, codes of ethics and other activities relevant to the programme of work
- UNEP/CBD/WG8J/2/INF.2 Report on progress on the integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions in the cross-cutting areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity

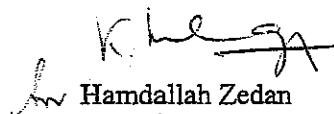
The documentation will be made available in the other five UN languages as soon as possible.

The Working Group is open to the participation of indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations, industry and scientific and academic institutions, as well as intergovernmental organizations.

In view of the interest of your Organization in the issues addressed by this meeting, I have the honour of inviting your organization to nominate a representative to attend the meeting. I would be grateful if you could inform the Secretariat, at your earliest convenience but preferably no later than 4 **January 2002**, of the name and contact address of your designated representative(s).

A pre-registration form and a general information note for participants are also enclosed. These documents are also available on the Secretariat website at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary



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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**

Second meeting
Montreal, 4–8 February 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1 Officers;
 - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Reports:
 - 3.1. Report on progress in the integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions into the thematic programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
 - 3.2. Review of progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions.
4. Outline of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities.
5. Draft guidelines or recommendations for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on sacred sites and on lands and waters occupied or used by indigenous and local communities.
6. Participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities.

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7. Assessment of the effectiveness of existing subnational, national and international instruments, particularly intellectual-property-rights instruments, that may have implications for the protection of the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.