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NOTIFICATION

Online Registration system and Side-Events registration system for the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 7), 31 October - 4 November 2011 and the Fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 15), 7-11 November 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Headquarters in Montreal, on 31 October - 4 November 2011 and 7-11 November 2011, respectively.

Online registration

I am pleased to inform you that the online system which will facilitate the registration process to the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is now open.

The online system will function, as follows:

- 1. CBD Focal Point(s) will receive an e-mail by 5 August 2011, inviting them to enter or review the information of the delegation attending WG8J 7 and/or SBSTTA 15;
- 2. If the official nomination letter has been received by the Secretariat, each delegate will receive a 'Priority Pass';
- 3. If the Secretariat has not yet received the official nomination letter, the status of each entered participant will be reflected as 'Pending Accreditation'. An individual 'Priority Pass' will be sent upon receipt of the official nomination letter;
- 4. Delegates should print and bring their "Priority Pass" to the meetings. The "Priority Pass" contains a bar-code which will facilitate on-site registration.

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To: CBD and SBSTTA Focal Points, indigenous and local community organizations, international organizations and relevant stakeholders





Side-events

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that the online registration for the above-mentioned meetings is now open at: https://www.cbd.int/register/home.shtml.

Governments and partner organizations who may wish to organize side-events during the above-mentioned meetings, are kindly requested to submit the theme and suggested time slot for the event before 14 October 2011. Please note that the allocation of side-events will be on a first-come-first-serve basis owing to the limited space and priorities for services of the meetings. The final list of side-events will be made available on 24 October 2011.

The "Information Note for Participants" for the meetings can be found at: $\frac{\text{http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tk/wg8j-07/other/wg8j-07-info-note-en.pdf}}{\text{http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-15/other/sbstta-15-info-note-en.pdf}} (SBSTTA 15).$

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

Ahmed Djoghlaf Executive Secretary