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NOTIFICATION

Regional workshops for indigenous and local community representatives of the Latin-American and Caribbean Region with the financial support of the Governments of Spain and Japan

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties, international agencies, indigenous and local community representatives (ILCs) and stakeholders that, thanks to the generous financial support from the Governments of Spain and Japan, the following two regional capacity building workshops for indigenous and local community representatives and trainers, will be held in Asuncion, Paraguay:

- LAC Regional Indigenous and Local Community Preparatory Meeting for COP 11, 13-16 August 2012;
- LAC Regional Workshop for Indigenous and Local Community trainers on Articles 8(j), 10(c), and related provisions of the CBD and Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, 17-18 August 2012.

These regional workshops aim to increase the number of indigenous and local community representatives, with an emphasis on women, effectively involved in the CBD processes, as well as to build their capacity to do so. The first regional workshop will focus on Articles 8(j), 10(c), and related provisions, as well as the Nagoya Protocol, and aims at preparing indigenous and local community representatives for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be held in Hyderabad, India, on 8-19 October 2012. In support of “Train the Trainer” methodology, the second regional workshop is focussed on indigenous and local community trainers and aims at familiarising trainers with Convention training materials and preparing them for the further dissemination of information received.

I am pleased to invite interested indigenous and local community organizations from the countries of the Latin-American and Caribbean region to nominate representatives and trainers to participate in these meetings by sending to the Secretariat an expression of interest or nomination by means of an official letter of designation addressed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, stating clearly which of the meetings are being applied for, along with a recent curriculum vitae of the nominee by **27 May 2012**, for consideration in the selection process. Nomination of ILC trainers should indicate their ability to conduct further training and to further disseminate information received¹.

¹ ILC Trainers should consider applying for both workshops however, not all ILC applicants may wish to apply for the 2nd workshop which is specifically for trainers.

To: CBD Focal Points and ICNP Focal Points, Indigenous and local communities and International organizations.

Participants will be selected on the basis of a sub-regional balance, gender equity, and relevant experience, as well as the ability to train others and to disseminate information arising from the workshop. Participants selected will be notified by mid-June. Successful applicants will be provided with economy air travel to and from Asunción, Paraguay, a daily subsistence allowance and accommodation during the events.

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

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Executive Secretary