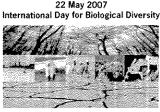


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NOTIFICATION

Preparations for the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-6), 21 - 25 January 2008, Geneva

Dear Madam/Sir,

As agreed by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fifth meeting held in Montreal, from 8 to 12 October 2007, Parties, Governments, indigenous and local communities, and stakeholders are kindly invited to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2007, concrete options on the substantive items on the agenda of the fifth and sixth meetings of the Working Group.

As requested by the Working Group, the Secretariat will circulate a compilation of contributions received as soon as practicable prior to its sixth meeting.

Please note that, in order to facilitate preparatory work, all submissions should be provided in Word format.

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

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