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**Paragraph #82 Session #7 (2008)**

### **Full Text**

A request for the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Forum to consult and collaborate with indigenous organizations to promote the role of indigenous peoples as stewards of biological and cultural diversity for the International Year of Biodiversity.

### **Comments**

SCBD reports: New recommendations arising from both the 7th session (2008) and the 8th session (2009) of the UNPFII made to the Convention will be considered at the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, when it meets in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2-6 November, 2009 and then forwarded to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for final endorsement and action (October 2010, Nagoya, Japan). However, it is important to note that some of the recommendations arising from the report of the UNPFII at its 7th session (refer document E/2008/43) are already in the process of being addressed and/or may be related to previous recommendations and current processes. The Secretariat therefore takes this opportunity for a quick update on new recommendations.

In the decision IX /13 I paragraph 3, the Conference of the Parties has requested the Executive Secretary to draw attention to the important role of indigenous and local communities in activities related to 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, and to cooperate closely with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, to explore opportunities for common activities as related to information exchange and awareness-raising under the guidance of the Bureau.

Further to this and thanks to the generous patronage of the Government of Spain, the Secretariat has commenced preparations of a draft menu of activities for the consideration of the Bureau and indigenous and local community representatives as well as the secretariat and interested members of the UNPFII, so that products can be prepared for use during the international year.

20. In decision IX/13, I, paragraph 3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to draw attention to the important role of indigenous and local communities in activities related to 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, and to cooperate closely with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, to explore opportunities for common activities as related to information exchange and awareness-raising under the guidance of the Bureau. Further to this, and owing to the generous patronage of the Government of Spain, the secretariat has prepared a menu of activities that has been considered by the Bureau and indigenous and local community working groups on education and community awareness, as well as by the secretariat and interested members of the Permanent Forum, so that products can be prepared for use during the International Year. The products will have two focuses, including for indigenous and local communities to improve knowledge of and effective participation in convention processes and/or for the general public to improve knowledge about indigenous and local communities, traditional knowledge and the goals of the Convention.

21. Products under development include:

- (a) Animation for use on television, in airlines, on screen savers;
- (b) Community-based short films/videos on indigenous and local communities, traditional knowledge and biodiversity;
- (c) Exhibitions, United Nations Headquarters;
- (d) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization posters partnership (on traditional knowledge), translated into diverse languages;
- (e) Community radio stories and interviews translated into diverse languages;
- (f) Partnerships to improve related sections of the web pages of the portal [www.indigenouportal.com](http://www.indigenouportal.com);
- (g) Participation guides for indigenous and local communities for effective participation in Convention on Biological Diversity processes (multiple languages) to be developed as training materials;
- (h) Article 8 (j) newsletter, Pachamama, in English, Spanish and French.

22. Possible high-profile events for the showcasing of products may include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Ninth session of the Permanent Forum, New York, April 2009;
- (b) Global Conference on Cultural and Biological Diversity for Development,

Montreal, July 2010;

(c) Joint Convention on Biological Diversity/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization 2010 display on cultural and biological diversity (throughout 2010);

(d) Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Japan, October 2010.

## **Area of Work**

Environment