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## **Addressee: Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**

**Paragraph #11 Session #3 (2004)**

### **Full Text**

The Forum urges the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in conjunction with other relevant United Nations entities, to convene a workshop on the theme "Indigenous women, traditional knowledge and the Convention on Biological Diversity" in collaboration with the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network and the Commission of Intellectual Property and Commercialization of the Intercontinental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas.

### **Comments**

This request will be submitted to the Working Group on article 8(j) at its next meeting, which is expected to make recommendations to COP 8. As part of the work on the composite report, COP-7 requested (decision VI/10 C, paragraph 11, reaffirmed decision VII/16E) that regional workshops be held to ensure the full participation of indigenous and local communities, particularly women, in the preparation of the report on status and trends of traditional knowledge relevant to biological diversity. The Secretariat is planning to organize such regional workshops in the second quarter of 2005 (Latin America, Africa, Asia and Pacific and Eastern Europe/Arctic region) subject to the availability of financial resources. A training session for indigenous women was held by the SCBD prior to the Third Session of the UNPFII in 2004 and tentative plans are in place to hold training and capacity building workshops for indigenous women as part of the program of regional consultations for the composite report.

## **Area of Work**

Indigenous Women