

## NOTIFICATION

### **Peer Review of Annex II: Draft Possible Elements of the New Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, which took place in Montreal, Canada, from 20 to 22 November 2019. The Working Group adopted [recommendation 11/2](#) which addresses the development of a future programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities.

Recommendation 11/2 requests the Executive Secretary to make available for peer review the possible elements of the new Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and other provisions, contained in Annex II to the recommendation. Accordingly, Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders are invited to submit review comments using the template available at <https://www.cbd.int/traditional/peerreview.shtml>. Comments should be sent by e-mail to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) no later than **1 March 2023**. Please note that comments should be submitted on Annex II of the recommendation only, the text of which is also available at the same webpage.

The peer review comments will inform the development of the new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions, which are due to be finalized by the Working Group at its twelfth meeting. The Conference of the Parties, at its fifteenth meeting next month in Montreal, is due to consider establishing an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) to further elaborate the programme of work. I would make the results of the peer review available to the AHTEG which, if established, would meet prior to the twelfth meeting of the Working Group.

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

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Executive Secretary

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