

Ref.: SCBD/SEL/HM/SY

17 January 2001

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Notification: Decision V/16 on Article 8 (j) and related provisions**

We wish to remind you of the notification dated 31 August 2000, inviting Parties, Governments, Indigenous and local community organizations, and other relevant organizations to contribute to the preparatory work on certain elements of decision V/16 concerning the implementation of article 8 (j) and related provisions.

Parties, Governments, Indigenous and local community organizations, and other relevant organizations are kindly reminded to submit information relevant to the above notification. Please note the due dates of the following matters:

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Due dates</b>
A. Case-studies to assess the effectiveness of existing legal and other appropriate forms of protection for the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities	<u>31 March 2001</u>
B. Outline of a composite report on the status and trends in relation to Article 8 (j) and related provisions	<u>31 December 2000</u>
C. Guidelines or recommendations regarding developments proposed to take place on sacred sites and on lands and waters occupied or used by indigenous and local communities	<u>28 February 2001</u>

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

Accept, Madam/Sir the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: National Focal Points, Indigenous and local community organizations and other relevant organizations

