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**Submission to the UN's CBD Working Group on Article 8(j) and views on issues set out in the annex to Decision 15/9.**

To Whom It May Concern:

Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust is a charitable trust based in Aotearoa New Zealand which has supported Māori participation in the UN system for nearly 20 years.

AIR Trust concentrates on the development of indigenous peoples' rights at the international level. AIR Trust supports the participation of Māori in international events and the development of educational resources and events for Māori about international frameworks and agreements of significance to indigenous peoples.

Please find attached the submission of views from AIR Trust, on behalf of an independent group of interdisciplinary Māori researchers, community members, and stakeholders. These submissions pertain to article 8j, and the issues for further consideration as reproduced from the Annex to decision 15/9.

If you have any questions or want to contact us regarding the submission or our independent work, please contact us at this email.

Yours truly,



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On behalf of AIR Trust