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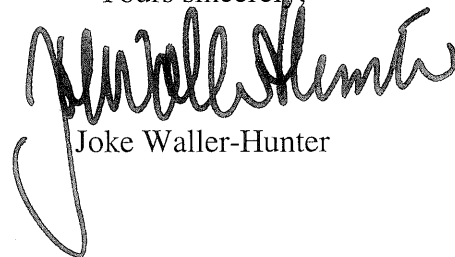
This message is being sent to Parties and Observers to the Convention. It is addressed to their National Focal Points for Climate Change. For those Parties that have not yet identified National Focal Points, the message is being sent to their diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany; for those Parties not accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, it is being sent to permanent missions in New York or Ministries of Foreign Affairs as appropriate. In all cases, the communication is copied to the diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.

I am pleased to inform Parties and Observers to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that, based on a report presented by the secretariat and pursuant to decision 15/CP.18, the Bureau has agreed to accept the generous offer of the Government of Italy to host the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties. The session will be held at "Fiera Milano" in Milan from 1 to 12 December 2003.

The secretariat has initiated discussions with the Government of Italy to conclude a host country agreement on arrangements for the session.

The formal notification, provisional agenda and other details concerning the above-mentioned session will be sent to Parties and Observers in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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