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NOTIFICATION

This notification is being sent to Parties and Observer States 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 notification 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 notification is copied to the diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.

On behalf of the Executive Secretary, I wish to notify Parties and Observer States of the arrangements for the high-level segment to be held during the forthcoming ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9), in Milan.

Parties will recall that the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its eighteenth session, endorsed the dates of 10 to 11 December 2003 for the high-level segment of COP 9. The SBI also recommended that round-table discussions, open to participation by all ministers and heads of delegation, be the mode for exchanges at COP 9. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 8, in collaboration with the secretariat, the President-designate of COP 9 and the Government of Italy, to give further consideration to the details and format of the high-level segment.

The Bureau, at its meeting on 6 October 2003, agreed that three round-table discussions would be convened on the following themes:

- Climate change, adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development;
- Technology, including technology use and development, and transfer of technologies; and,
- Assessment of progress at the national, regional and international levels to fulfil the promise and objective enshrined in the climate change agreements, including the scientific, information, policy and financial aspects.

Capacity-building, synergies and possible future steps, as well as the need to increase awareness of vulnerability and adaptation, will be key cross-cutting issues for all three round-table discussions.



The round-table discussions will be convened sequentially beginning on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10 December 2003 and concluding on the afternoon of Thursday, 11 December 2003. The President will invite ministers from Annex I and non-Annex I Parties to co-chair the round-table discussions.

The secretariat will prepare an addendum to the annotations to the provisional agenda of COP 8 conveying this information (see FCCC/CP/2003/1/Add.1).

The high-level segment, and the days preceding it, will also see numerous other high-level events, many with a multi-stakeholder character. These include:

- a senior level event on enabling environments for technology transfer, scheduled for 8 December 2003;
- a joint event on the clean development mechanism and the power sector, “The clean development mechanism: power for the people”, scheduled for 9 December 2003; and
- a multi-stakeholder event on transport, “Getting there: tackling transport emissions”, scheduled for 10 December 2003.

A number of other such events are still in the planning stages.

Yours sincerely,
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