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INFORMATION NOTE

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I am pleased to inform Parties and Observers to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that, following decision 14/CP.9, the Bureau met on 1 March 2004 and, after consideration of a report prepared by the secretariat and additional clarifications provided by the representative of the host country, the Bureau decided to accept the generous offer of the Government of Argentina to host the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The Bureau also agreed to a proposal by the Government of Argentina to shift the dates for COP 10 by one week, in the light of the availability of the conference center. The Bureau agreed that the minor adjustment to the dates would allow Argentina to make the necessary arrangements to host the session, as had been offered at COP 9.

Consequently, the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 6 to 17 December 2004 at "La Rural" conference center in Buenos Aires (<http://www.la-rural.com.ar/>).

The organizational scenario for COP 10, including the nature and dates of the high-level segment, will be considered by the SBI at its 20th session in June 2004. The formal notification, containing the provisional agenda and other details concerning the above-mentioned session, will be sent to Parties and Observers in due course.

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