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### Annual Climate Change Convention conference to run from 6 to 17 December in Buenos Aires

Bonn, 26 November 2004 – The 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 10) will be hosted by the Government of Argentina at the “La Rural” exhibition centre in Buenos Aires from 6 to 17 December 2004.

The conference is expected to attract some 5,000 participants from the Convention's 189 Parties as well as from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), intergovernmental organizations and the world's media.

During the 15–17 December high-level segment, ministers and heads of delegation will participate in a series of panel discussions. The discussion themes will be “The Convention after 10 years: accomplishments and future challenges”; “Impacts of climate change, adaptation measures and sustainable development”; “Technology and climate change”; and “Mitigation of climate change: policies and their impacts”.

The recent announcement that the Convention's Kyoto Protocol will become legally binding on its 129 Parties on 16 February 2005 promises to invigorate the meeting's discussions. COP 10 will not only benefit from renewed political momentum but will be able to take more practical action on the Protocol's international carbon-trading market, Clean Development Mechanism and Adaptation Fund.

In addition to preparing for the Protocol's entry into force, the Buenos Aires conference will review progress under the Convention, develop a framework for international cooperation on adapting to the negative impacts of climate change, and address how to support implementation by developing countries.

More than 100 side events and 60 exhibits will highlight activities undertaken at international, national and local levels by international organizations, private actors, research institutions and NGOs.

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