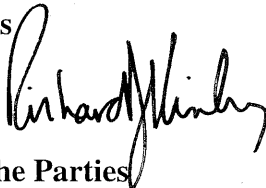




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TO/A: Participants Date: 20 June 2001
Open-ended informal
high-level consultations in
The Hague
The Netherlands

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Conference of the Parties

SUBJECT/OBJET: Open-ended informal high-level consultations
The Hague, 27 – 28 June 2001

The consolidated negotiating text proposed by the President was posted on the secretariat website at <http://www.unfccc.int> on Monday, 11 June 2001 in time for participants to the open-ended informal high-level consultations to receive and consider the text. A revision of the introductory note was posted on the website on 18 June 2001. The text has been prepared on the basis of the intensive consultations undertaken by the President since The Hague and advice received from many Parties.

There will be no formal agenda for the meeting. Instead, the consultations will focus on two areas:

- (a) Participants will be invited to advise the President on the content of the proposals contained in his consolidated negotiating text and whether, in their entirety, they constitute a balanced package that contains sufficient “wins” for all Parties. Because of the limited time available participants will be invited to concentrate on the issues raised in the overview contained in document FCCC/CP/2001/2/Rev.1;
- (b) Participants will also be invited, in the light of the above-mentioned discussions, to advise the President on how the work of the resumed sixth session of the COP might best be organized to ensure that maximum progress and success is achieved.

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The consultations will provide the final advisory opportunity for Parties to comment on the issues before formal negotiations resume in July in Bonn.

Venue

As stated in the notice to the Parties dated 31 May 2001, the open-ended informal high-level consultations will be held on 27 to 28 June in the Jacob Pronkzaal at the Steigenberger Kurhaus Hotel, Gevers Deynootplein 30, Scheveningen, The Hague. Owing to space limitations, ministers and heads of delegations may be accompanied by no more than two officials into the meeting room. There will be a limited overflow area for other accompanying officials.

Schedule of meetings

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Wednesday, 27 June: 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 28 June: 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 am
 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Registration

Registration for the consultations will begin at the Kurhaus Hotel on Sunday, 24 June at 4.00 p.m. For security reasons, participants will be issued with photo badges and as such registration will take slightly longer than usual.

Other consultations

The informal high level consultations will be preceded by other informal consultations by groups. Arrangements have been made for the G77 and China to meet on Monday, 25 and Tuesday, 26 June 2001 at the Jan Tooropzaal in the Kurhaus Hotel. The meeting on Monday, 25 June will commence at 9.00 a.m.

The meeting of the Annex I Parties will be held on 26 June from 10.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. in the Jacob Pronkzaal.

Payment of Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

Parties eligible for funding will receive their DSA in the Hague.

Participants are kindly requested to send their dates and times of arrival and departure to Ms Marjoleine Stolk, tel. 31 20 504 0228, e-mail, marjoleine@congrex.nl.

Best regards,