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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 eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8), in New Delhi.

Parties will recall that the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its sixteenth session, endorsed the dates of 30 October to 1 November 2002 for the high-level segment of COP 8. The SBI also recommended that ministerial round table discussions, open to all heads of delegations, be the vehicle for ministers to exchange views at COP 8. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 7, in collaboration with the secretariat and the Government of India, to give further consideration to the details and format, including themes for the round-table discussions, of the high-level segment of COP 8.

The Bureau, at its meeting on 1 October 2002, agreed that COP 8 would serve as a milestone in consolidating the implementation of the Convention in the wake of the Marrakesh Accords and of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and on the eve of entry into force of the Protocol.

The Bureau agreed that three round tables will be convened on the general theme of implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, focusing on:

- "Taking stock"
- "Climate change and sustainable development"
- "Wrap up"

These round tables will be convened sequentially beginning on the afternoon of Wednesday, 30 October 2002 and concluding on the afternoon of Thursday, 31 October 2002. They will be open to participation by all ministers and heads of delegation. Invited ministers will introduce the discussions.



The Bureau also took note that a Delhi Declaration will be prepared as an important outcome of the Conference. Such a Declaration would show political momentum at this crucial time. In addition, the Bureau took note of the willingness of the President-designate of COP 8, His Excellency Mr. T. R. Baalu, Minister of Environment and Forests (India), to prepare this political declaration in consultation with Parties.

The secretariat will prepare an addendum to the annotations to the provisional agenda of COP 8 conveying this information (see FCCC/CP/2002/1/Add.2).

Yours sincerely,
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