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Re: Tenth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-10), 7-11 February 2005, Bangkok, Thailand and Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS WG-3), 14 - 18 February 2005, Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Madam / Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-10) and the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Openended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS WG-3) will be held back-to-back in Bangkok, Thailand respectively from 7 to 11 February 2005 and from 14 to 18 February 2005 at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC).

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agendas and the pre-registration form for both meetings. The document "Information Note for Participants" is currently being finalized and will be made available on the Secretariat's website in due course. The pre-session documents will be made available as soon as they are finalized. These documents, including the annotated provisional agenda, will also be accessible at the Secretariat's website at <u>www.biodiv.org</u>.

In view of your Organization's interest in the issues being addressed by these meetings, I have the honour of inviting your Organisation to participate in these meetings. Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your Organisation's representative(s) to these meetings at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to the participation of your Organization in these meetings and to your continued support of the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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