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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Kuala Lumpur, 8 February 2004)

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 11 of decision VI/27 (B) adopted at its sixth meeting, acknowledged the important role that regional and sub-regional mechanisms and networks play in promoting the implementation of the Convention, which, *inter alia*, provide forums for the preparation of regional inputs to meetings of the Convention and for translating decisions of the Conference of the Parties into regional actions.

In compliance with the above, I have the honor to inform you that a regional preparatory meeting for Asia and the Pacific, in respect of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, on Sunday, 8 February 2004, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The meeting will provide a forum for coordination among Asia and Pacific Parties to the Convention, as well as an opportunity to review the main issues included in the agenda of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan Executive Secretary

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