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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to request your kind participation at a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC), which will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Sunday, 9 November 2003** at the International Civil Aviation Organization Conference Centre in Montreal, Canada.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the progress made by the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) in support of objectives identified by the Conference of the Parties in Decision V/14, Decision VI/18 and recommended by the Clearing-House Mechanism Strategic Plan. The meeting will also review recommendations made by the Informal Advisory Committee during its meetings held on 9 April 2002 and 9 March 2003 respectively.

Finally, the meeting will review Clearing-House Mechanism activities in the development and implementation of the Biosafety Clearing-House.

I look forward to meeting with you in November 2003.

Sincerely yours,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: Informal Advisory Committee Members

