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Second Meeting

Montreal, 2 to 6 September 1996

**DATES AND VENUE OF THE THIRD MEETING OF
THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Note by the Secretariat

1. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity provides that "the meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties". Rule 4, paragraph 2, states that "at each ordinary meeting, the Conference of the Parties shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary meeting". According to rule 26, paragraph 5, the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of subsidiary bodies established under the Convention, unless otherwise decided by the Conference of the Parties (Document UNEP/CBD/COP/1/17).
2. Assuming that the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in 1997 during the same period as its second meeting, namely early November, and in light of the contributions made to the Secretariat on the need to allow Parties enough time to properly consider the report of the SBSTTA, the members of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, during their meeting held in Montreal on 3-4 May 1996 suggested that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may wish to consider holding its next meeting between 14 to 18 July 1997.
3. To assist the SBSTTA in the consideration of this issue the Secretariat has prepared a list of dates and venues of relevant meetings, which is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/Inf. 14.