



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Travel arrangements for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-7) to be held in Montreal from 12 to 16 November 2001 and the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held from 19 to 21 November 2001 in Montreal, directly after the seventh meeting of SBSTTA.

This notification is for the attention of all participants to the above-mentioned meetings eligible for the Secretariat's financial support.

Please note that the Secretariat will be in a position to provide financial assistance to **one eligible participant only** for both meetings, i.e. the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-7) and the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity would like to advise that, considering the serious implications on the airline industry and the procedures for issuance of tickets in the aftermath of the events of 11 September 2001, the National Focal Points are kindly reminded to inform the Secretariat of the name and contact address of the officially designated delegate(s) of their Government at the earliest opportunity, but not later than **26 October 2001** in order to enable travel arrangements to be made for eligible participants. Confirmation of travel assistance will be made in due course, provided that funds are available.

In view of the increased security procedures for travelers, the budget constraints and, in order to allow more countries to attend the meeting, the Secretariat will be using special-fare tickets, which impose restrictions with respect to changing the passenger's name and dates of travel after issuance of the ticket. In this respect, it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate such changes if they are received after **26 October 2001**.

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To: National focal points of the CBD