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NOTIFICATION

**Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use,
Salinas, Ecuador, 18 to 21 February 2002**

Further to my Notifications dated 14 December 2001 and 28 January 2002 regarding the above-mentioned meeting, I would like to inform you that, at the request of the Government of Ecuador, the third regional Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity will take place in the city of **Salinas**, Ecuador, in the Barceló Miramar Hotel, and not in the city of Manta, as previously announced.

To reach Salinas, participants are invited to arrive directly through the Simón Bolívar Airport in Guayaquil, Ecuador. A bus service is being organized for all participants from the airport in Guayaquil to Barceló Colón Miramar Hotel in Salinas (Malecón, entre la 38 y la 40. Salinas, Guayas, Ecuador. Tel.: +593 4 2771 610/ + 593 4 2771 620; fax:+593 4 2773 806/+593 4 2773 476 - E-mail: dcbcm@telconet.net / barcemir_ec@sl.telconet.net. Ms. Marcella Abad) Website address: <http://www.barcelo.com/hotels/america/colon/colon>).

The consulate of Ecuador in Montreal advises that citizens of the following countries require a visa to enter Ecuador: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Lybia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine Authority, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Vietnam and Yemen. **It is important for participants to obtain visas from the Ecuador embassies/consulates before travelling.** To enter the country, visitors must fill in an international embarkation - disembarkation form. It is important to keep it with your passport. Travellers should have their passports with them during their stay in Ecuador. A copy is not acceptable. Those who wish to stay longer in the country have to do the corresponding paperwork in an Ecuadorian Consulate. To obtain the list and coordinates of all Ecuador missions in the world, please visit this site: <http://www.ecuaservice.com/embajada.html>. If more information is required, please contact the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Direction for Immigration, at e-mail address: dgasumig@impsat.net.ec

Please be advised that the Government of Ecuador has just informed the Secretariat of its intention to arrange for the issuance of visa at the airport in Guayaquil, Ecuador (except for the citizens of the following countries: China, Cuba, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Viet Nam and Panamá).

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

