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NOTIFICATION

Financing the Participation of Ministers to the High Level/Ministerial Meeting during the Sixth Meeting of
the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
The Hague, The Netherlands, 17-18 April 2002

The Government of the Netherlands, host government of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-6) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, is organizing a High Level/Ministerial Meeting on 17 and 18 April 2002 in The Hague.

This Notification serves to advise that the Government of the Netherlands will financially support ministers attending the High Level/Ministerial Meeting of COP-6 from developing countries Party to the Convention, in particular the least developed countries, Small Island Developing States, countries with economies in transition and other developing countries. This includes a round trip airfare ticket on the most economical and direct route, accommodation in The Hague (boarding and meals) as well as US\$ 50 per day to meet other incidental expenses.

Countries Party to the Convention that wish to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Government of The Netherlands (Mr. Rob van Raalte, telephone (31-70) 378-4471, fax: (31-70) 378-6105, e-mail: r.a.van.raalte@iz.agro.nl) by **1 April 2002** of the name and contact information of the minister eligible for such financial support.

In view of the increased security procedures for travellers, budget constraints and, in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meeting, the Government of the Netherlands will be using special air-fare tickets for sponsored ministers which impose restrictions with respect to changing the passenger's name, travel dates and itinerary. In this respect, it will not be possible for the Government of the Netherlands to accommodate name changes if they are received after 1 April 2002.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

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