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NOTIFICATION

Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Youth Meeting

14 –18 April 2002

The Hague, The Netherlands

This Information is Submitted by the Government of the Netherlands

In accordance with Agenda 21 of the Rio Convention, Parties have agreed that the world's young people should be given the opportunity to participate actively in all levels of decision-making which affects their lives today and have implications for their futures.

In this spirit the Government of the Netherlands, as host country for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-6), is organizing a Youth Meeting from Sunday, 14 to Thursday, 18 April 2002. All countries participating in COP-6 are kindly invited to include in their government delegation to COP-6, one youth who is 15-18 years old.

This five-day meeting will enable youth representatives to strengthen their knowledge about biodiversity and discuss the issues and measures deliberated by COP-6 with the endeavour to send a "Message" to the COP-6 meeting reflecting the youth perspective on the main topics covered by the meeting.

Should you require more information on the Youth Meeting or are interested in including a youth representative as part of your national delegation, please feel free to contact the COP-6 Youth Team at the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries in the Netherlands. Please refer your message to the attention of:

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