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Dear Madam/Sir,

**Re: Eighth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice  
(SBSTTA-8), 10-14 March 2003**

**and**

**Open-ended Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference  
of the Parties up to 2010 (MYPOW), 17-19 March 2002**

I have the honour to inform you that the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-8) will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 10 – 14 March 2003. The meeting will be followed by an Open-ended Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (MYPOW), from 17 – 19 March 2003 to be held at the same venue. The latter meeting is organized pursuant to decision VI/28 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agendas and the pre-registration forms for both meetings as well as the Information for Participants Note. The pre-session documentation of the two meetings will be made available as soon as finalized. These documents will also be accessible at the Secretariat's web page at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).

In view of the interest of your Organization in the issues addressed by these two meetings, I have the honour of inviting your Organization to participate in these meetings. Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your Organization's representative(s) to these two meetings at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to the participation of your Organization in these meetings and to your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

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