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Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to decision VI/31 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and in accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, I am pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Malaysia, the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-7) will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 February 2004. COP-7 meeting will reconvene on Friday, 27 February 2004 to consider certain matters arising from the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol (COP/MOP-1), which will also be held at the same venue from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 February 2004.

The provisional agendas and the «Information for participants» document, which contains, inter alia, the pre-registration forms for both meetings can be accessed at the Secretariat's web site: www.biodiv.org. It is to be noted that the pre-session documents of the two meetings are made available as they are finalized and they can also be accessed at the same web site mentioned above.

In this regard, I have the honour to invite representatives of bodies or agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, to participate as observers in the above-mentioned meetings.

Representatives wishing to attend COP-7 and/or COP/MOP-1 meetings are requested to submit to the Secretariat their pre-registration forms duly completed no later than 31 December 2003.

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

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

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