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**Re: (1) Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/3)
13-17 March 2006**

and

**(2) Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP/8)
20-31 March 2006**

Curitiba, Brazil

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to decision VII/35 of the seventh 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 Brazil, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-8) will be held in Curitiba, Brazil from 20 to 31 March 2006. The meeting will be preceded by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol (COP-MOP/3), from 13 to 17 March 2006 to be held at the same venue.

The provisional agendas and 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/8 and/or COP-MOP/3 meetings are requested to submit to the Secretariat their pre-registration forms duly completed no later than **31 January 2006**.

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

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: Intergovernmental Organizations, Non-governmental and Indigenous Organizations

