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ACHIEVING THE 2010 TARGET!

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Regional Preparatory Meetings for the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that regional meetings to prepare for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-8) will be held with support from the Government of Japan (for Asia and the Pacific region), the Government of United Kingdom (for the Africa region) and UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (for the Latin America and the Caribbean region).

The main objectives of the meetings will be: (1) to provide a forum for Parties to share experiences and information regarding implementation of the Convention with a view to achieving the 2010 target; (2) to identify issues of regional concern as well as regional priorities; and (3) to assist Parties in building common regional positions on issues on the agenda of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. on **Saturday, 18 March and Sunday, 19 March 2006** at the venue of COP-8, the Expo Trade Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The draft agenda is being finalized in consultation with the representatives in the Bureau of the regional groups.

Please note that delegates entitled to receive financial support from the Secretariat for COP-8 will be provided with two additional days of Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) to cover the additional costs resulting from their participation in the preparatory meetings.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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