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**Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
(COP-7)
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 9 through 20, 2004**

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Over 2 000 world experts on biodiversity and sustainable development are gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Journalists and members of the public can stay abreast of all the developments surrounding this important global biodiversity meeting by visiting the electronic press room which has been specially set-up on the Secretariat for Biodiversity's Web site, at <http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/cop-07/press>.

Now that the Conference is under way, the news room offers, among other things: daily summaries from the plenary session and working groups, daily schedules of upcoming events and proceedings, summaries of side events and presentations, as well as background information on the meeting and biographies of key participants.

About the Convention on Biological Diversity

The Convention on Biological Diversity is one of the key agreements adopted at the Earth Summit, in Rio de Janeiro, in 1992. It has been ratified by 187 countries and the European Community who, together, constitute the Conference of the Parties. The Convention is unique among the legal frameworks arrived at in

Rio because it seeks a comprehensive approach to sustainable development through three main goals: the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits from the use of genetic resources.

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