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CITES Management Authorities
of all the Parties in Asia

Geneva, 24 May 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: CITES Asian Regional Meeting, Makati, Metro Manila
the Philippines, 19-21 July 2004**

On behalf of the CITES Management Authorities of China and Malaysia, the regional representatives of Asia, the Secretariat hereby informs the Asian Parties that an Asian regional meeting is scheduled to be held in Makati, Metro Manila, the Philippines, from 19 to 21 July 2004. Participants are requested to fill in and send the attached registration form to the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines as soon as possible and no later than **11 June 2004** if sponsorship is needed.

Participants will be hearing reports from other participants and regional representatives to the permanent committees of CITES and will consider proposals to be discussed at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 2 to 14 October 2004. The provisional agenda of the regional meeting is attached to this letter. If you have any specific issue(s) you wish to be included in the agenda, please inform the CITES Secretariat.

The Secretariat has raised funds to secure the participation of at least one representative from the least developed and developing countries in the Asian region.

For further information regarding the meeting, you can check the website of the CITES Secretariat at the following address:

<http://www.cites.org/eng/news/meetings/asia2004/index.shtml>

Yours sincerely,

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