



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Sponsored Delegates Project for the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. The 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 2 to 14 October 2004.
2. It is essential for the effective implementation of the Convention that as many Parties as possible participate in the CoP decision-making process, and the Sponsored Delegates Project aims to ensure representation at meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the least developed countries, the developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
3. Parties that will require financial support to send representatives to CoP13 are requested to contact the Secretariat and indicate their need for financial assistance, specifying whether support is requested for one or two delegates. The deadline for submission of requests is **31 May 2004**. Only requests that have been submitted by that date will be considered.
4. After 31 May 2004, the Secretariat will inform Parties that have requested assistance about the level of support that they will be able to obtain through the Sponsored Delegates Project.
5. The Secretariat hereby requests all States and organizations that might be able to provide financial support to inform it as soon as possible of their intention to contribute to this important project.
6. The final list of countries to be supported will be dependent upon the funds raised.