



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Sponsored Delegates Project for the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. The 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14) will be held in The Hague, the Netherlands, from 3 to 15 June 2007.
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, developing countries and countries with economies in transition that do not have sufficient funds to support the participation of two delegates.
3. Parties that will require financial support for the travel and subsistence of up to two representatives attending CoP14 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 December 2006**. Only requests for financial assistance submitted by that date will be considered.
4. Since priority will be given to Parties unable to fund the participation of two delegates, Parties requesting support should indicate to the Secretariat the expected size of their delegation.
5. The final list of countries that may be supported will be dependent upon the funds raised. After 31 December 2006, 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.
6. 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.