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Your Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 30 September 2003 referring to decision 22/1 IA of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Governing Council of 7 February 2003, on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP, I have the honour to invite you to the Intergovernmental Consultation to be held at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi on 14 and 15 January 2004.

Invitations are being extended to all Governments, and also a number of observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the scientific community. The Intergovernmental Consultation will be held at the expert level to review and discuss the results of the consultative process carried out by UNEP which are presented in a synthesis report compiled by independent consultants. The meeting will be conducted in all six working languages of the United Nations.

A limited number of participants from developing countries and small island developing States will be supported. In the event that you require financial assistance, please contact Mr. Steve Lonergan, Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, if possible no later than 5 December 2003, at the following address.

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Please find attached the provisional agenda of this intergovernmental consultation for your information. The synthesis report, documentation and further details will be provided in due course and will also be available on our web site, <http://science.unep.org>, from early December 2003. Your early response regarding your Government's participation in this meeting would be greatly appreciated, including an indication of the composition and size of the delegation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)
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Executive Director

To: Ministers responsible for the environment of all Governments