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INVITATION TO SENIOR OFFICIAL JOHANNESBURG RENEWABLE ENERGY COALITION IPM SIDE EVENT, NEW YORK 30 APRIL 2007

Dear Ambassador,

At the 2002 World Summit for Sustainable Development, your government agreed to urgently increase the share of renewable energies in the global energy mix. Many governments have been hosting and/or contributing to regional and international conferences and partnerships or actively developed policies and measures to enhance the enabling framework for renewables to thrive.

During the period 2006-2007, the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) is addressing sustainable energy. This is to culminate in a policy session in May 2007 in New York. During last year's review session (CSD 14), delegations broadly agreed that there is a need to accelerate the development of and access to renewable energy services, as well as a need to agree upon a follow up and review arrangement on sustainable energy at CSD 15.

CSD 15 will thus have to decide, inter alia, on an effective review arrangement to monitor progress on global markets for renewable energy.

A number of governments, including Germany, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Austria, and Sweden, have sponsored an informal process to identify possible options for such a review mechanism. The JREC secretariat, which is hosted by the European Commission, has offered to facilitate this process.

For this purpose, I am pleased to invite you to attend the <u>JREC Senior Official meeting</u> to discuss possible options for the review mechanism which could lead to concrete decisions at CSD 15.

The Senior Official meeting will take place in New York, <u>Monday 30 April 2007</u> from 1 pm until 3 pm in the German House, close to the UN headquarters.

The side event will be co-hosted by the European Commission and the sponsoring Governments, led by Germany. A draft agenda, registration form and an information note with meeting details is attached.

Additional information, including a background document, is available on the following webpage:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/jrec.

I would appreciate your Government's willingness to nominate a senior official who can participate in the discussion. We would kindly ask you to confirm attendance by Friday 27 April 2007 using the attached registration form.

Yours sincerely,

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