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IGR2 Organisational Issues

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Ensure High-Level Attendance to IGR 2:

- Transmit contact details of key participants to GPA
- Inform GPA of key regional meetings taking place between now and October 2006 where IGR 2 should be mentioned.

Assist in confirming the IGR 2 Steering Committee:

Role of the SC: To build support for the IGR 2 and provide guidance on IGR 2 issues.

Members: potential members include:

- 1. Barbados: Lorna Inniss
- 2. Brazil: S.E. Madam Marina Silva, Minister of Environment
 - VV discussed and tentatively confirmed
- 3. Canada: Hon. Mr. Stephane Dion, Minister of the Environment
 - Canada also SC member for IGR 1 in 2001 as host country
- 4. Costa Rica: Edwin Cyrus
- 5. Finland: H.E Mr. Jan-Erik Enestam, Minister, Ministry of Environment.
- 6. France: S.E. Mme Nelly Olin, Ministre de l'Écologie et du Developpement Durable
 - Have been approached to host IGR 2 Preparatory Meeting in June 2006
- 7. Iceland: Magnus Johanssen
- 8. Kenya: Wangari Mathai
- Mexico: Sr. Jose Luis Luege Tamargo, Secretario, Secretaria de Medio Ambiente, Y Recursos Naturals (SEMARNAT)
- 10. Netherlands: State Secretary Pieter van Geel, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment
- 11. Peoples Republic of China: H.E. Mr. Xie Zhenhua, Minister, State Environmental Protection Agency
- 12. Russian Federation: Hon. Mr. Yuri Petrovich Trutney, Minister of Natural Resources

- 13. South Africa: Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Affairs & Tourism
 - South Africa also a SC member for IGR 1 in 2001
- 14. Thailand: H.E. Mr. Yongyut Tiyapairat, Minister of Natural Resources
 - Thailand a SC member for IGR 1 in 2001
- 15. Ukraine: Hon. Mr. Pavlo Ignatenko, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
- 16. United Kingdom: Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer
 - UK also a SC member for IGR 1 in 2001

Regional representation:

LAC = Barbados, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico

AP = PR China, Thailand,

EU = France, Finland, Iceland, Netherlands, Russia, Ukraine, United Kingdom

NA = Canada

Africa = Kenya, South Africa