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Important Prospect

SECOND WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, DURING 29 OCTOBER–7 NOVEMBER 1990

This Conference is sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU).

The first six days will comprise a scientific and technical meeting. Attendance will be by personal invitation to experts in meteorology, oceanography, food and agriculture, forestry, energy, water resources, environment, ecology, and human health, drawn from 100 or more countries and including world-class research workers, senior planners, and policy advisers. They will review the first decade of the World Climate Programme and make recommendations for its future, taking full account of the climate change assessment 'Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change' (IPCC). Linkages with the concept of sustainable development, with other global programmes such as the IG-BP, and with the special needs of developing countries, will receive special attention.

The final two days will be devoted to a Ministerial meeting. It is anticipated that 100 or more countries will be represented. The opening session will feature addresses by several Heads of State and Heads of Government. The Ministers are expected to endorse a Declaration which will include references to the IPCC Report, to the support of ongoing, long-term international research and monitoring programmes, and to progress towards an international Framework Convention on Climate.

The prominence of global climate change as a major public and political issue should ensure that this event will receive global media coverage. Further information may be obtained from:

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, TO BE HELD AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, DURING 13–14 NOVEMBER 1990

The 1990s are likely to see the International Automotive Industry come under increasing pressure to clean up its processes and products. Clearly there will be a notable shift of R. and D. activity away from high-speed performance towards conservation of energy and low level of pollution — in short more environmentally friendly cars, trucks, buses, and alternative forms of transport. Environmental pressure-groups world-wide are developing ever-greater and more acute political awareness and may well play a major role in determining future legislation. With this in mind, Environmental Matters, a London-based concern specializing in the effects of industrial activities globally, is organizing a conference on 'The Automotive Industry and the Environment', at which top-level executives from the automotive and oil industries, government, and environmental consultancies, will present their assessment of the current position together with thoughts on how the issues are likely to evolve and be resolved. Advice on the Conference programme is provided by the undersigned and by Booz Allen & Hamilton, Knibb Gormezano & Partners, Environmental Resources Ltd., Research International Automotive, Washington Institute, Anne Hope of Motor Industry Archives, and Michael Walsh, a leading international consultant on automotive and environmental issues. Speakers will be drawn from Europe, the United States, and Japan.

The topics to be considered by this timely Conference include:

- Practical measurements of exhaust, gas, and noise, emissions;
- Fuels of the future;
- Alternative fuels;
- State of the art of electric cars and hybrid propulsion;
- Practical means of reducing pollution in automotive plants;
- Proposals for recycling materials from old vehicles;
- Alternative schemes of traffic management and their effects on pollution levels and traffic flow; and
- Future international research programmes and legislative measures to cope with major increases in vehicle population without causing undue damage to the environment.

The emphasis of the Conference will be on the practical application of solutions to these problems, with particular reference to coordinating efforts and agreeing to targets and realistic dates of implementation across the developed world. It calls for strategic responses by management in the search to make the automotive industry and its products more in harmony with the environment than they have latterly become. The Conference will be of interest especially to high-level decision-makers in industry and Government who have the task of addressing these increasingly important and urgent issues.

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