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The secretariat of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva and New York where appropriate, and has the honour to formally announce the convening of the Third International Conference on Early Warning (EWC III) in Bonn, Germany, from 27 to 29 March 2006. The conference is convened at the initiative of the Government of Germany, under the auspices of the United Nations.

Governments, International Organizations, Non-governmental Organizations, scientific and academic institutions, and representatives of the private sector are invited to participate in the conference that will be composed of two main streams: a Priorities and Projects Forum and a Scientific and Technical Symposium. Interpretation services will be provided for English, French and Spanish in the Forum only. Registration for participation will be on-line and will open on 1 November 2005. Full details on the conference and on registration modalities, as well as practical information, are available on the conference website <u>www.ewc3.org</u>. Queries may be addressed to the conference secretariat in Geneva by email to <u>ewc3@un.org</u> or by fax to +41 (0)22 917 0169.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva and New York the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 31 October 2005

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