



**Notes pour une allocution de  
M. Jean-Jacques Bourgeault**

**Président du conseil de Montréal International**

**Annonce de l'honorable Lucienne Robillard  
Secrétariat de la Convention sur la diversité biologique**

**Vendredi 21 mai 2004**

**Madame Minister,** (the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister for Trade and Minister responsible for Economic Development Canada)

**Dr. Zedan,** (Executive Secretary of the Secretariat)

**Mrs Berku,** (representing the Mayor of Montréal)

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

On behalf of Montréal International, I am pleased to join you in thanking the Honourable Lucienne Robillard for this welcome support.

We must applaud this announcement of renewed federal financing. Not only is it essential to the smooth operation of the Secretariat, it is also directly in line with one of our mandates: to attract and support international organizations in Montréal.

Plus de 60 organisations internationales sont actuellement présentes dans la région. Chacune contribue au dynamisme de Montréal, à sa vie économique et culturelle et à son rayonnement dans le monde.

For us, the presence of the Secretariat in Montréal since 1996 signifies not only a recognition of the international character of the region, but also of the synergy that exists for better pursuing the universal objective of preserving and fostering biological diversity.

Accordingly, we would like to sincerely thank Mr. Zedan for his commitment, and for this celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the coming into force of the Convention.

It is with great pleasure that we extend our hopes and wishes to the Secretariat for continued success in the pursuit of its objectives and its development opportunities in Montréal.

Congratulations and thank you!

Bravo et merci !