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To Participants

Business Committee

- 1. The Business Committee will be comprised and will function in accordance with the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Plenary Committee today. Specifically paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 of the Rules of Procedure apply.
- 2. Subject to the agreement of the participants I propose the following:
 - a. Participants are requested to provide the Chairman with the names of the individuals they wish to represent them at the Business Committee. Up to two names for each Participant may be provided and these need not be elected delegates;
 - b. While it is desirable that there be some continuity in the individuals representing each Participant at the meetings of the Business Committee, it is not mandatory that the same individuals attend each meeting; and
 - c. It would be helpful if each Participant would nominate someone from within their group to act as a permanent point of contact for the Chairman and as a means of ensuring continuity in arranging meetings of the Business Committee.
- 3. Names of the representatives and the contact-person can be provided to the Chairman's office (Madeleine Magee: Phone (5)22957) before the end of this week, or at the resumption of the Plenary Committee meeting early in September.
- 4. Participants are asked to advise me of their concurrence with this proposal, or otherwise, before the end of the Plenary Committee Meeting today.

John de Chastelain
Chairman, Business Committee