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acting as the preparatory committee for the  
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**Consideration of the revised Chairman's paper  
transmitted from the third session of the Commission  
acting as the preparatory committee, together with  
other relevant inputs to the preparatory process**

**Letter dated 18 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative  
of Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the  
Commission acting as the preparatory committee**

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the Niger has just hosted in Agadez, from 25 to 28 February 2002, the second meeting of the Panel of Eminent Personalities to consider the Poverty-Environment Nexus in the context of the timely and effective implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

The Panel has completed its work a few months prior to the holding in Johannesburg of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Its members made recommendations with regard to the Summit and launched an appeal entitled the "Agadez Call", in which the international community is called on to support sustained cooperation with developing countries that are affected by desertification. The report of the Panel and the Agadez Call are annexed hereto (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex issued as a document of the Summit and of its preparatory process.

(Signed) Ousmane **Moutari**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee**