

Geneva, 17 December 2008  
Ref. 1.4 Strategic Plan COP 9/Dec.IX/3/NS

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to refer to the letter sent to you on 22 August 2008 regarding the decision on the Strategic Plan and a new Strategic Framework adopted by the Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP 9), held from 23 to 27 June 2008 in Bali, Indonesia.

According to this decision, the Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, signatories, the regional and coordinating centres and others to submit further comments on the developments and obstacles in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan to the Secretariat by 30 November 2008.

Unfortunately the Secretariat, as per the deadline, has received only a few comments from Parties and Signatories on the developments and obstacles in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan and these comments are necessary for the Secretariat to prepare a report on the review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan by 30 March 2009.

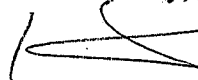
I would appreciate if your country:

1. Give comments on the developments and obstacles in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan to the Secretariat by **9 February 2009**;
2. Nominate a contact person to facilitate liaison with the Secretariat in the review of the Strategic Plan, in the facilitation of the effectiveness evaluation and the development of a new strategic framework.

The Secretariat would be very grateful if you could submit your comments to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention by e-mail to: [Nelson.Sabogal@unep.ch](mailto:Nelson.Sabogal@unep.ch) or by fax: +41 22 797 34 54.

For your kind reference please find attached the decision IX/3: Strategic Plan and new strategic framework adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and a small briefing on the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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To: Focal Points of Parties and Signatories to the Basel Convention  
Directors of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres  
cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

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