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Editorial: UNEP's 23rd Governing Council

Synergies Further Promoted

A key outcome of the 23rd session of UNEP's Governing Council in February 2005 is decision 23 on the "Cooperation between UNEP, relevant multi-lateral environmental agreements and other organizations".

In it, UNEP is requested to strengthen its support for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, to further promote the full cooperation and synergies between the three Conventions and to promote cooperation between the three Conventions and the Montreal Protocol, UNEP Chemicals and the World Customs Organizations in addressing international illegal trafficking of hazardous chemicals and hazardous wastes. These positive developments are further enhanced by the Governing Council's request to UNEP to promote cooperation with the Basel Convention Regional Centres in the implementation of activities of other multilateral environmental agreements and institutions

related to hazardous wastes and chemicals. The decision also underlines the sustained approach to synergies between the three Conventions (please see box on POPs technical guidelines) and the maximization of resources already in place, with room for growth.

The areas of work of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions will be very much enhanced. For the Basel Convention, the special focus on the role the Basel Convention Regional Centres (BCRCs) has played in the promotion and implementation of related multi-lateral environmental agreements represents a further validation of their function in capacity building. There is continued action around the BCRCs: in this issue, we report on the official launch of the BCRC for training and technology transfer for French speaking countries in Africa and on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Basel Convention and UNEP's Regional Seas Programme/Global Programme

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Cooperation between the Basel and Stockholm Conventions on the Environmentally Sound Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as Wastes

The technical guidelines on environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) as wastes, prepared in the framework of the Basel Convention will be considered by the first meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Stockholm Convention in May 2005. They were adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its seventh meeting in October 2004.

The intention is to have guidelines that are used and kept under review by the Parties of both the Basel Convention and the Stockholm Convention, in accordance with the respective provisions of the two Conventions.

More than one hundred governments worked hard and diligently, with the active participation of industry and NGOs to make this a reality. Both the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, with the technical and scientific support of UNEP Chemicals, played a major role in driving the process.

The preparation of these guidelines is a significant achievement in putting into concrete terms our common objectives of promoting synergies, mutual support and effective co-operation between the chemicals and waste conventions, which was one of the key recommendations on international environmental governance endorsed by the Seventh Special Session of



Governing Council and subsequently by the World Summit on Sustainable Development. This unique co-operation is setting the tone for moving further ahead in strengthening the coordinated implementation of related MEAs and is an eloquent testimony to

the important role that UNEP plays in this regard. Countries party to the Basel and Stockholm Conventions are invited to support positive and concrete action on the technical guidelines at the COP1 of the Stockholm Convention so that the application of the guidelines as a joint instrument for the implementation of the two Conventions may be promoted.



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of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities in which BCRCs will play a key role in programme implementation. I therefore welcome the recognition given to this worthy regional network and look forward to UNEP's continued support to multi-lateral environmental agreements.

The decision also requested UNEP to develop further its mercury programme in order to support the efforts of countries to take action regarding mercury pollution. The Basel Convention is expected to cooperate actively with UNEP on the programme consistent with its mandate.

I wish you a pleasant read

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Third Meeting of the Mobile Phone Working Group

The third meeting of the Mobile Phone Working Group (MPWG) took place in Geneva on 15-16 March 2005. Two new members were welcomed, the telecom operators Bell Canada and France Telecom/Orange.

The MPWG manages the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative, a unique public-private partnership, which aims to improve the environmental friendliness of mobile phones, influence consumer behaviour and political institutions, and promote the sustainable and environmentally sound refurbishing and recycling of used and end-of-life mobile phones.

A second outcome of the meeting was the agreement over a roadmap towards the development and implementation of pilot projects on the collection and sustainable treatment schemes for used and end-of-life mobile phones in rapidly industrialising and developing countries.

The pilot projects will also facilitate the transfer of know-how based on the guidelines produced by the four project groups set up under the MPPI -mobile phone refurbishment; collection and transboundary movement rules; material recovery and recycling; and design consideration- while taking local consumer participation patterns and available facilities into consideration. The roadmap for pilot project development will be finalized by the next meeting of the MPWG, which is scheduled to take place in July 2005 in Geneva.

The MPPI membership is composed of experts from Parties and Signatories to the Basel

Convention, Basel Convention Regional Centres, representatives of mobile phone manufacturers and telecom operators and representatives of the Basel Convention Secretariat. The members are Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, UK, Alcatel, LG, Matsushita (Panasonic), Mitsubishi, Nokia, Philips, Motorola, NEC, Samsung, Sharp, Siemens, Sony Ericsson, Vodafone, Bell Canada, France Telecom/Orange, Basel Convention Regional Centre (BCRC) China, BCRC Slovak Republic, BCRC Indonesia.



It has been recognized that participation from developing countries in teleconferences and meetings would be welcome and important. The next teleconference is scheduled for 4 May 2005.

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Upcoming Meetings of Interest to the Basel Convention

- SAICM Regional Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 4-7 April 2005
- Twenty-third session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 8 April, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Thirteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 11-22 April 2005, New York, USA
- INECE International Conference on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement from 10-15 April 2005 in Marrakech, Morocco
- SAICM Regional Meeting, Punta del Este, Uruguay, 27-29 April 2005
- Ministerial Conference on 3R Initiative, 28-30 April 2005, Tokyo, Japan
- First Conference to the Parties of the Stockholm Convention, 2-6 May, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- SAICM Regional Meeting, 16-18 May 2005, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Interpol conference on environmental crimes, 2-3 June 2005, Lyon, France
- GEF Consultations and Council Meeting, 6-10 June, Washington DC, USA

IMO, ILO and Basel Convention Adopt Co-ordinated Approach to Ship Scrapping as Joint Working Group Makes Progress

A Joint Working Group on ship scrapping established by the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization and the Parties to the Basel Convention concluded their first meeting at IMO headquarters in London mid-February.

The overall task set by the three Organizations for the Group was to act as a platform for consultation, co-ordination and co-operation in relation to their work programmes and activities on ship scrapping. The Group aimed to promote a co-ordinated approach to the relevant aspects of ship scrapping with the aim of avoiding duplication of work and overlapping of roles, responsibilities and competencies between the three Organizations, and identifying further needs.

During the meeting, the Group developed a list of the main items that are being considered by the three Organizations concurrently. This includes the possible development of mandatory requirements, a reporting system for ships destined for recycling, the development of a "single list" of potentially hazardous materials on board, the issue of the abandonment of ships on land or in port, the promotion of the implementation of the Guidelines on ship scrapping and technical co-operation. For each item identified, a list of work programme activities being carried out or planned by each of the Organizations was developed, and a number of recommendations was proposed to be taken into account by the three Organizations, as appropriate, during their future deliberations on these work items.

Specifically, the Group agreed that the three Organizations should ensure that the issue of "abandonment of ships on land or in ports" would be adequately covered by an international legally binding instrument, as deemed appropriate.

With a view to identifying any possible gaps, overlaps, or ambiguities, the Group began a comprehensive initial examination of the relevant IMO, ILO and BC guidelines on ship scrapping. The Group agreed that intersessional work and further work at the second session would be needed.

The implementation of the guidelines was seen

as being of paramount importance for the minimization of the environmental, occupational health and safety hazards related to ship recycling and the improvement of the protection of human health and the environment at ship recycling facilities.

The implementation of the guidelines should be also promoted, it was agreed, through joint technical co-operation activities and the Group agreed to invite Governments and other stakeholders to provide information to the three Organizations on any technical co-operation activities or other relevant initiatives already launched or planned so that these activities could be taken into account in the future technical co-operation programmes of the Organizations. Each Organization should be asked to invite the other two to participate in any workshops or seminars they organize, and that a section providing information on the guidelines of the other two Organizations be included in the programme of any such activities. It was agreed that the three Organizations should be asked to consider a global technical co-operation programme on ship scrapping.

In considering the issue of the establishment of a ship recycling fund, the Group was of the opinion that all efforts should be focused on the further consideration by IMO of the proposal which had been agreed in principle by the 52nd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee for the establishment of an International Ship Recycling Fund to promote the safe and environmentally-sound management of ship recycling through IMO's technical co-operation activities.

During the meeting, a general discussion took place on issues such as the possible roles of flag States, port States, recycling States and any other concerned States, in the context of ship scrapping, as well as on possible reporting systems for ships destined for scrapping, but it was agreed that more substantive discussions would require the prior submission of documents and writ-

ten proposals for consideration by the Joint Working Group. These matters will be the subject of substantive discussion at the next meeting of the JWG.

The Group also agreed that any regulatory measures proposed should aim at the development of a realistic, well-balanced and effective solution to the problems of ship recycling and which at the same time should take into account the need for sustainable ship breaking, and that it should be recommended that ship scrapping countries submit to the three Organizations, as appropriate, any available information on their ship scrapping activities.

The full report of the first session of the Joint ILO/IMO/BC Working Group will be submitted to the 4th session of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention, to the 53rd session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee, and to the 292nd session of the ILO Governing Body.

The report is available at <http://www.basel.int/legalmatters/ilo-imo-sbc-wg/index.html>

The second session of the Joint Working Group will be hosted by the Basel Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, date to be confirmed.

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Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes and UNEP Regional Seas Programme to fight coastal pollution together

UNEP's Regional Seas Programme/Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and the Basel Convention have joined forces in the fight against coastal pollution with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in Nairobi on 1 March 2005.

The main area of cooperation will be the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes in order to prevent coastal and marine pollution. Marine litter is targeted through the environmental management of plastic waste, used lead-acid batteries and used oils and lubricants. The two organisations will raise awareness on hazardous waste and marine pollution and support each other with technical and legal training.

Many of the joint activities will be carried out using the 13 Basel Convention Regional Centres (BCRCs) as platforms for regional cooperation with the various Regional Seas Programmes.

The Basel Convention Secretariat and the Regional Seas Programme also work on the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (known as the "Barbados Programme of Action").

Small Island Developing States generally suffer from a lack of trained personnel to handle the environmentally sound management of hazardous waste, as well as from high transportation costs and a shortage of available land. Because the management of solid waste is generally a first priority, hazardous wastes management can receive fewer resources.

The Regional Seas Programme is an alliance amongst the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAP). Its objective is the protection of the coastal and marine environment, having concern not only for the consequences but also for the causes of environmental degradation and encompassing a comprehensive approach to combating environmental problems through the management of marine and coastal areas. The 13 regions covered by the Programme each benefit from an action plan formulated according to the

needs of the region as perceived by the Governments concerned. The regions are the Black Sea, Caribbean, East Asian Seas, Eastern Africa, Kuwait, Mediterranean, North West Pacific, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, South Asian Seas, South East Pacific, South Pacific, South West Atlantic, West and Central Africa.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mrs. Veerle Vandeweerd, Deputy Director of the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation and Head of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, and by Mrs. Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto, Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention Secretariat.

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Open-ended Working Group: Bureau elections

At the next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, which will take place on 4-8 July 2005, elections will be held for a new Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group. The Secretariat has communicated with the members of the Bureau of the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, asking them to initiate regional consultations for possible nominations for the Bureau positions.



The positions for which the elections will be held are as follows: two co-chairs, one with technical and one with legal/implementation expertise; two vice-chairs, one with technical and one with legal/implementation expertise; and one rapporteur. Due regard must be had to the principle of equitable geographical representation and to the relevant expertise of the nominees.

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Basel Convention Response to Tsunami Disaster

In response to the tragedy of the Tsunami in Asia in December 2004, the Basel Convention Secretariat contributed, together with the World Health Organization and the Food and Agricultural Organization, to formulate guidelines regarding hazardous waste management in Tsunami-affected areas.

The guidelines focus on emergency phase hazardous waste management and can be consulted on the Basel Convention website's home page www.basel.int In addition, the Secretariat is working closely with the UNEP Asian Tsunami task force that conducted rapid environment assessment, including waste and hazardous waste issues, in the affected areas.

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Green Customs Partners Meeting

The partners of the Green Customs Initiative met on 26-27 January 2005 in the offices of UNEP/DTIE, which performs the Secretariat functions of GCI.



The Green Customs Initiative was launched to help combat illegal international trade in commodities such as ozone depleting substances, toxic chemicals, hazardous wastes and endangered species by building the capacity of customs officials. The partners involved are the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, UNEP DTIE's OzonAction Programme, Interpol, the World Customs Organization and the Basel Convention.

The January meeting agreed that awareness-raising material should be developed for the GCI and that a network of information officers from the partners would be established. This network could also liaise on the development of a logo for GCI, and on the maintenance of the GCI website.

The partners agreed that an essential component of the awareness training material will be a training manual, which will contain background information on GCI and extensive reference to the training material already developed by each entity of the Green Customs Initiative.

For background information on the Green Customs Initiative, please consult <http://www.uneptie.org/ozonaction/customs/about/background.htm>

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Hazardous Waste Management Priority Issue for Alliance of Small Island Developing States Strategy

The International Meeting for the Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) took place in Mauritius on 10-14 January 2005 and was the ten-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action, which had been adopted in 1994, identifying priority areas and necessary actions to address the challenges faced by small island states.

The issue of hazardous waste management in SIDS is of particular concern given their acute shortage of space and need for appropriate technical infrastructure.

The Mauritius meeting adopted the "AOSIS" Strategy (Alliance of Small Island States) for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action in which the development of integrated waste management policies, covering both solid municipal waste and hazardous waste, and the promotion of regional approaches, play an important role.

This policy orientation is in the same line as decision VII/7 of the seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention as well as section VII of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, September 2002), in which SIDS are singled out as a special case both for environment and development.

The mandates at the international level are now clear enough and concurrent for Parties to the Basel Convention to consider the development of relevant regional and national strategies to transcribe this political support into action.

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Joining the Party

The Basel Convention has 164 States and the European Community as Parties. Since our last Bulletin of December 2004, Guinea-Bissau acceded to the Convention on 9 February 2005. Jordan recently approved of the Ban

Amendment to the Basel Convention on 6 December 2004, which now has 55 States and the European Community as Parties. Please see our ratification tables which include a glossary of frequently used terms at www.basel.int

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Official launch of Basel Convention Regional Centre For Training and Technology Transfer for French Speaking Countries in Africa



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The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Francophone Africa in Senegal was officially launched on 1 March 2005 following the signing of a Framework Agreement between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the Government of the Republic of Senegal.

The core functions of the Regional Centre are to develop training programmes in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes and to work on the transfer of environmentally sound technology and the minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes.



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Present at the signing were Ms Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto, Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention Secretariat and Ambassador Ousmane Camara for the Government of the Republic of Senegal.

Ms. Kuwabara-Yamamoto underlined that "capacity building is essential for the implementation of the Basel Convention" and added that the Centres play an important role in the management of hazardous waste in an environmentally sound manner.

For Ambassador Camara "the legal establishment of the Centre represents an important opportunity for French speaking Africa to contribute to the Basel Convention process efficiently".

The 13 Basel Convention Regional Centres are located in Argentina, China, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovak Republic, the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (Samoa), South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

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Regional Workshop on Compliance with and Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements

The Basel Convention Secretariat participated in the Regional Workshop on Compliance with and Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) held in Mexico City on 7-10 March 2005 and organised by UNEP's Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) and UNEP's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC).

The workshop was attended by experts involved in the implementation and enforcement of MEAs from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Also in attendance were representatives of UNEP/DEPI and of UNEP/ROLAC.

The meeting was a platform to discuss and make inputs to a draft manual on Compliance with and Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements prepared by UNEP/DEPI through presentations made on several MEAs such as the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species, the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (a.o.) followed by group consultations. The manual is to serve as an over-arching guide on MEA compliance and enforcement.

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Regional Workshop on the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention and Synergies with other Chemical Related Agreements

The Basel Convention Secretariat participated in a Regional Workshop on the Implementation of Stockholm Convention and synergies with other chemical related agreements in Cairo on 21-24 February 2005. The event was organized by UNEP Chemicals and the Egyptian Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, in cooperation with the BCRC-Egypt and the financial support of the Government of Switzerland.

The Regional Workshop was attended by representatives of the following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The following Non-Governmental Organizations and other entities also participated: SBC, UNEP-Chemicals, UNEP-Regional Office for West Asia, BCRC-Egypt, Environmental Health Fund (EHF) and the Arab League.

The objectives of the meeting were to identify and discuss common issues to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the Montreal Protocol and to strengthen the co-operation among the respective national Focal Points and other stakeholders involved in the process of implementing and enforcing these Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The meeting also focused on identifying common difficulties in their implementation areas of synergy and on building on past activities for future common project formulation.

The recommendations focused on legislative and institutional frameworks, human and financial resources, capacity building and technical support, among others, and can be obtained from the SBC. The need for the close coordination of legal issues was especially stressed by the participants.

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Latest SBC Publications and Information Material

- Guidance Manual. Preparation of National Health-Care Waste Management Plans in Sub-Saharan Countries, hard copy, English
- Training Manual for the Preparation of National Used Lead Acid Batteries Environmentally Sound Management Plans

in the Context of the Implementation of the Basel Convention, hard copy, English

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Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management Regional Meeting in Senegal

The Basel Convention Secretariat participated in the Second African Regional Consultation on the Development of a Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), in Saly, Senegal, on 15-18 March 2005. It was organized by the Government of Senegal in close



cooperation with UNEP-Chemicals and the Secretariat of SAICM.

The meeting was the first regional consultation to be organized as a follow up to the second session of the SAICM Preparatory Committee held in Nairobi in October 2004. The main issues discussed by the participants from more than 45 countries in Africa, as well as specialized international organizations, industry representatives and NGOs, included the development of an overarching policy strategy, proposed institutional arrangements, proposed financial mechanism and concrete measures in the context of SAICM.

The meeting saw fruitful exchanges between the participants who proposed concrete recommendations on the way forward for the SAICM process. It also set a positive note for future regional consultations and further SAICM negotiations.

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Become a Partner

Whether you are a corporation, non-governmental organisation, foundation or government agency, partnering with the Basel Convention is simple. The Secretariat will work with you to create a tailored programme to meet your needs. There are many benefits to forming a partnership with the Basel Convention, including:

- Access to the expert capacity of the Secretariat, almost 160 Parties to the Basel Convention and 13 Basel Conventions Regional Centres around the globe;

- Opportunities to leverage your funds or resources with those of other Partners.

Forging a partnership with the Basel Convention is a smart investment in a better world.

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Launch of a 'Municipality Project' in Guayaquil, Ecuador

A project to build a public-private partnership with industry on the environmentally sound collection, testing, and final disposal of oil wastes, was officially launched on the 7 March 2005 in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The collaboration process will involve the municipality of Guayaquil, the national authorities in Ecuador, the cement industry, the oil industry, civil society as well as the Secretariat of the Basel Convention. The Holcim Group will be a key partner from the private sector for the project.

Feasibility studies for the ESM of oil wastes in the province of Guayaquil and the country as a whole will be carried out. On the basis of these studies, a demonstration project for the ESM of oily wastes, including the co-processing of oily wastes in cement kilns, will be implemented and will involve training and capacity building activities at the local level.

The project will aim to highlight the benefits of concluding public-private partnerships, in particular those involving local authorities and the private sector in the management of hazardous and other wastes. The collaboration between the municipality of Guayaquil with the municipality of Belo Horizonte and the State of Minas Gerais and the exchange of expertise between these institutions with the contribution of the UNITAR-Decentralized Cooperation Programme and the



Basel Convention Coordinating Centre in Uruguay will constitute an important element of the project.

This initiative will be carried out under the framework of the Strategic Action Plan of the Basel Convention adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (December 2002) as well as under the guidelines to the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg (September 2002). All stakeholders are deemed to contribute in-kind and financial support to the project which has potential for replication in other countries in the region and other regions.

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Melissa and Tatiana

Melissa Su Thomas joined the Legal Unit as an intern in January 2005. She will be working with Ms. Donata Rugarabamu, Senior Legal Officer, for six months. She carries out work pertaining to the Implementation and Compliance Committee, and the legal issues surrounding the full and partial dismantling of ships. Melissa, a British national of Malaysian

descent, is currently a post-graduate student at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, specializing in International Law. Prior to coming to Geneva, she completed her Bachelors of Law at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom.

A Bolivian national, Ms. Tatiana Romero has been an intern in the Capacity Building and Training Unit since February, where she will work with Mr. Nelson Sabogal, Senior Programme Officer, on the Basel Regional Centre in Argentina until May 2005. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from Lund University in Sweden and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics from Universidad Metropolitana in Venezuela.

Tatiana's area of expertise is private sector engagement through corporate social responsibility and socially responsible investments. Prior to joining SBC, Tatiana obtained work experience in accounting and human resource management in the private sector.

Call for National Legislation on Basel Convention

In early 2004, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention started to collect texts of national legislation and measures of the Parties to the Convention on the implementation of the Basel Convention, both in hard copy and in electronic form.

As of 14 March 2005 the Secretariat has received the national legislation from 63 Parties to the Convention, which can be found on the SBC website at the following URL: <http://www.basel.int/legalmatters/natleg/frset-main.html>. (some texts are only available in the national language of the country concerned).

The goal of the Secretariat is to publish online a complete set of national legislation adopted by all Parties to the Convention. Please send hard and/or electronic copies of national legislation texts to:

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