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Dear Mr. Bally,

Establishing a dialogue with other multilateral environmental agreement compliance bodies dealing with national reporting issues.

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Committee administering the Mechanism for promoting implementation and compliance (ICC) with the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (the Basel Convention).

Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention establishes an obligation for Parties to submit annual national reports. The Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Committee have identified the problem of non-reporting or incomplete or late reporting by Parties as a serious one. In this context, the Committee, as directed by the COP, has undertaken various activities aimed at improving compliance from Parties, for instance, elaborated guidance for Parties on how to improve their national reporting and national reporting training activities.

During its last meeting, the COP required the Committee to establish a dialogue with other multilateral environmental agreement compliance bodies dealing with national reporting issues (decision BC-10/11). This request is based on the assumption that problems with reporting are not unique to the Basel Convention and that there would be value in exchanging information on experiences from other compliance mechanisms in this regard.

With this letter, I would like to invite you to share your experiences, if any, as Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on national

reporting issues. I stand ready to establish such a dialogue with you by email, telephone or in person should the opportunity for a face-to-face meeting arise in the near future.

I thank you in advance for your kind attention and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

for 

Ms. Jimena Nieto
Chair (Colombia)

Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee