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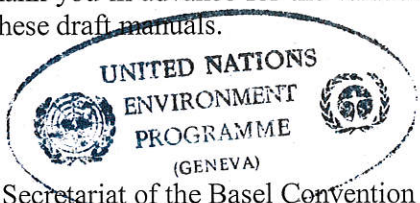
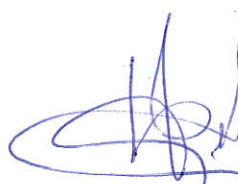
FOLLOW-UP TO THE INDONESIAN-SWISS COUNTRY-LED INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BASEL CONVENTION

DRAFT PRACTICAL MANUALS DEVELOPED BY THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT

The Conference of the Parties, at its twelfth meeting, requested the expert working group on environmentally sound management to develop practical manuals on extended producer responsibility and financing systems for environmentally sound management (annex to decision BC-12/1). The tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group subsequently requested the expert working group to continue its work to develop draft practical manuals on extended producer responsibility and financing systems for environmentally sound management and to make them available by 31 October 2016 for comment by Parties and others.

Since the abovementioned meetings, the expert working group has worked electronically and held one physical meeting from 15 to 17 July 2016 in Bratislava, Slovakia. The draft practical manuals, as they currently stand, are attached to the present communication, together with the text of decisions decision BC-12/1 and OEWG-10/2. **Parties and observers are invited to submit comments on the draft practical manuals to the Secretariat (Ms. Susan Wingfield; Email: susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org) by 15 December 2016.** The expert working group will then revise the draft practical manuals, taking into account the comments received from Parties and others, and submit them for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting in 2017.

Any questions pertaining to this matter may be addressed to Ms. Susan Wingfield (susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org). The Secretariat would like to thank you in advance for the valuable consideration and inputs provided to the further development of these draft manuals.



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