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COMMUNICATION

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 24 APRIL TO 5 MAY 2017

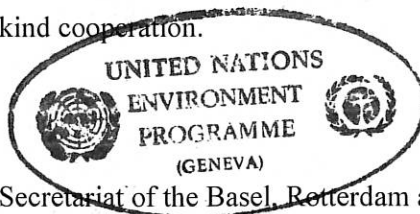
DISSEMINATION OF THE LETTER TO THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE

The next meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will be held back-to-back in Geneva, Switzerland from 24 April to 5 May 2017. The meetings will include a one-day high-level segment.

The objective of the high-level segment is to provide an interactive, dynamic and inclusive platform for ministers and other high-level delegates to exchange experiences and to provide political leadership for renewed commitment towards the implementation of the conventions. In doing so, the high-level segment aims to raise political awareness of and support for the three conventions.

It is of paramount importance that a high number of ministers participate in the high-level segment of the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Towards this effect, the Secretariat has prepared a letter, enclosed along with this communication, to ministers of foreign affairs, environment, health and agriculture to alert them well in advance of this event and to secure their participation thereto. The Secretariat seeks the kind assistance of the permanent missions in disseminating the enclosed letter to their ministers of foreign affairs, environment, health, agriculture and any other ministers as they deem appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.



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To: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

cc: Contact points for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

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