

## BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

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## Communication

### Preparations for UNEA-3 - Making a Commitment to Beat Pollution

The Secretariat makes reference to the upcoming United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-3), organised by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya from 4-6 December 2017, which focuses on pollution, and on the development of a political commitment from countries "Towards a Pollution-Free World".

To this end, UN Environment launched the campaign #BeatPollution, through which it is calling on governments, businesses, civil society organizations and other interested groups or institutions to join the fight to beat pollution. The "Beat Pollution" campaign, has already registered more than a half million pledges to clean up the planet. Here are a few examples of the types of commitments UNEP has received:

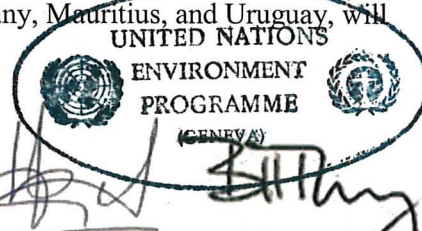
- A company that pledges to improve its energy efficiency or replace a harmful product with a better one
- A civil society group that commits to take up pollution as a campaign issue or organize a series of beach clean-ups,
- A government that commits to embrace sustainable procurement or phase out single-use plastic bags.

The simplest way to make a commitment is to click here:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/brs-support-to-beat-pollution.html>

Attached is a FAQ note with more information on the commitments. The Secretariat hereby invites Parties and observers to consider disseminating information about and making a commitment to the Beat Pollution campaign.

The Secretariat takes this opportunity to bring to the attention of Parties and observers that it will be participating in UNEA-3, including through organising an interactive BRS information booth on site and through facilitating a side event. This event, staged jointly with the governments of Germany, Mauritius, and Uruguay, will showcase solutions accelerating the sound management of chemicals and waste.



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