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**Subject: Follow up to the twelfth meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee:
invitation to submit information and comments (Part II)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a follow up to the twelfth meeting of the Committee administering the mechanism for promoting implementation and compliance of the Basel Convention (hereinafter “the Committee”) that took place from 4 to 6 June 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya.

During its meeting, the Committee considered the activities of its work programme for 2016-2017. It adopted twelve decisions pertaining to specific submissions and agreed on conclusions following its review of general issues of implementation and compliance. The report of the meeting is available on the Convention’s website:

<http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/ImplementationComplianceCommittee/Reports/tabid/2289/Default.aspx>.

With respect to its mandate to prevent and combat illegal traffic, the Committee continued its development of guidance on the implementation of the Basel Convention provisions dealing with illegal traffic (paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9). In its conclusions, the Committee requested the Secretariat to:

- (a) Prepare by 15 August 2016 revised draft guidance taking into account the outcome of the consultations with the OEWG as well as the outcome of the Committee’s consideration of the guidance during its twelfth meeting;
- (b) Circulate the new draft guidance to Parties and others with an invitation to comment thereon by 10 September 2016;
- (c) Prepare final draft guidance by 30 September 2016 taking into account comments received from Parties and others, for endorsement by electronic means by the Committee and for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

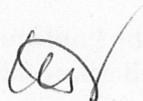
To: Basel Convention focal points
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The new draft guidance on the implementation of the Basel Convention provisions dealing with illegal traffic (paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9) developed by the Committee is available at: <http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/Compliance/GeneralIssuesActivities/Activities201617/IllegalTraffic/tabid/4581/Default.aspx>.

This letter is to invite comments from Parties and others on the new draft guidance. Please send your submissions to the Secretariat (Ms. Juliette Voinov Kohler; e-mail: juliette.kohler@brsmeas.org) by 10 September 2016.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,


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Cc: Competent authorities and Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva