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Secrétariat Général

By E-mail

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC)
International Environment House
1219 Châtelaine (Geneva),
Switzerland

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Dear Dr. Kummer Peiry,

"Indonesian-Swiss country – led initiative. Proposal for a Certification Scheme for Companies"
An opportunity for Companies to demonstrate ESM- A financing opportunity for the Convention

We send you our greetings and hopes for successful outcomes from the Indonesian-Swiss country – led initiative.

The OEWG of the Basel Convention has discussed the Indonesian-Swiss country – led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention during its 7th meeting in May 2010 in Geneva. In the Annex 2 of the information document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/INF/8 elements for inclusion in a possible way forward are mentioned. Core elements in this paper are: further development of standards for environmentally sound management (ESM) and linking these standards to transboundary movements. This aims to ensure that those movements only take place when ESM is ensured.

One of the suggested actions in that context is the development of an independent certification scheme for facilities that operate according to the ESM Guidelines of the Convention. Our association wishes to support the intentions of the CLI initiative and to flag its particular interest for this certification scheme. We consider that certification is of particular importance as it provides operators for a possibility to demonstrate their capacity to operate under the conditions required by the Basel Convention Guidelines. Facilities might be interested in obtaining such certificate against a fee if this would give them a better position to get access to the wastes they are capable of managing in an environmentally sound manner and thus get appropriate recognition, including of Competent Authorities, over installations that do not have such a certificate. This fee based certification scheme might provide also for some of the funding needed to execute the programs of the Basel Convention to promote ESM of hazardous wastes and other wastes. Any concern about extra burdens on the Secretariat we believe can be relieved by nominating accredited verifiers in a similar manner as some existing certification systems for environmental management.

We thank you for your kind consideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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