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REPUBLIK INDONESIA

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Subject : Strategic Plan for the Implementation
of the Basel Convention (2002-2011)

To : 1. Ministers and Focal Points of Parties
and Signatories to the Basel Convention
2. Directors of the Basel Convention Regional
and Coordinating Centres

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to refer to the Decision on the Strategic Plan and a New Strategic Framework adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP 9), held from 23 to 27 June 2008 in Bali, Indonesia.

As the President of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, I wish to highlight that this decision on the Strategic Plan and a New Strategic Framework is one of the successes of COP 9; it is very inclusive, and it was carefully crafted to allow Parties to drive the process of the review of the current Strategic Plan and the development of the New Strategic Framework.

Unfortunately the response by Parties has not been completely satisfactory. I am inviting Parties to submit comments on the development and obstacles in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in order to allow the Secretariat to prepare a report on the review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan by 30 March 2009. It will be very useful to nominate a contact person to facilitate liaisons with the Secretariat in the review of the Strategic Plan, in the facilitation of the effectiveness evaluation and the development of a New Strategic Framework.

For your kind reference please find attached the Decision IX/3: Strategic Plan and New Strategic Framework adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and a small briefing on the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

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President of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties
to the Basel Convention

Cc: Permanent Mission to United Nations in Geneva