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To: Members of the Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Mechanism
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Subject: Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Mechanism: Revised draft guidance

Dear Colleagues,

At its seventh session held in Geneva, 14 – 18 July 2003, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an Internationally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants (INC), adopted decision INC-7/9 on the financial mechanism that, inter alia, initiates a process to prepare the draft guidance to the financial mechanism required under paragraph 7 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention for consideration and decision of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Paragraph 1 of the annex to the decision established an open-ended Working Group on the financial mechanism to prepare the above referenced draft guidance. The Working Group is open to Governments and POPs-related intergovernmental organizations, industry and non-governmental organizations.

As mandated by the above decision, the Working Group began its work on the basis of the draft guidance to the financial mechanism prepared by the Secretariat in close cooperation with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility. The initial draft was distributed on 31 October 2003 and comments on it have been from 16 countries and one nongovernmental organization. The actual submissions can be viewed at: www.pops.int/documents/meetings/inc7/followup/. In accordance with the paragraph 3 of the annex to decision INC-7/9, the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, has prepared the revised draft that is attached. Comments on the revised draft should be submitted by **30 September 2004** to:

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Yours sincerely,

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