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**TO:** Stockholm Convention Focal Points  
POPs INC- 7 Heads of Delegation  
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**SUBJECT:** Request for information by the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Stockholm Convention.

Dear Colleague,

At its seventh session held in Geneva 14-18 July, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) adopted a decision INC-7/7 on the development of interim guidance to assist countries in the preparation of national implementation plans and guidance for reviewing and updating national implementation plans contained in annex I of the report of the meeting, document UNEP/POPS/INC.7/28. The decision invites Governments and other relevant organizations to provide their comments to the secretariat by 30 September 2003.

This letter is to solicit information requested in the decision INC-7/7. For your convenience, please find attached a copy of the above mentioned decision and a CD Rom containing the interim guidance to assist countries in the preparation of national implementation plans.

Please let David Ogden on my staff know if you have any questions. He can be contacted at tel: +41 22 917 8190, fax: +41 22 797 3460 or email: [dogden@unep.ch](mailto:dogden@unep.ch).

Yours sincerely,

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