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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

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To: Stockholm Convention focal points
Heads of delegation at second meeting of the Conference of the Parties
cc: Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office in Geneva

Subject: Follow up to decision SC-2/13 on Effectiveness Evaluation of the Stockholm Convention

Dear Colleague,

At its second session held in Geneva, Switzerland, 1–5 May 2006, the Conference of Parties of the Stockholm Convention adopted decision SC-2/13 on effectiveness evaluation, contained in annex I of the report of the meeting, document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30. In the decision, the Conference agrees to establish a Global Monitoring Plan (GMP) to provide comparable monitoring data on which to base its evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention, and also, to establish a provisional ad hoc technical working group consisting of 15 representatives of Parties of the five United Nations regions with the mandate to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan. For your convenience please find attached copy of decision SC-2/13.

As indicated in paragraph 95 of the meeting report, the President noted that the Secretariat working through the Bureau would solicit nominations of members to the provisional ad hoc technical working group and that each regional group would be given the opportunity to nominate representatives (three per region) through its Bureau.

This mail is to request you to submit the name and CV of an appropriate candidate from your country to your regional representative (s) in the bureau. The regional bureau members are requested to consult Parties of their region through their Geneva based missions for selecting 3 representatives for their region to be members of the provisional ad hoc technical working group and to provide the Secretariat with the names and full coordinates of these representatives. As the technical working group is expected to define the detailed implementation scheme of the Global Monitoring Plan, and to guide its implementation, designated representatives must be individuals with experience in the field of environmental or human biomonitoring. **In order to ensure a timely start of this work, the technical working group should be established as matter of urgency and we would be grateful if you could send your submissions to the bureau members for your region (bureau members list attached for easy reference) with copy to the Secretariat by 15 July 2006.**

Copy of the information should also be sent to:

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Submission by e-mail is much preferred.

Please let Fatoumata Keita-Ouane on my staff know if you have any questions. tel: +41 22 917 81 61, fax: +41 22 797 3460 or email: fouane@unep.ch or if you need assistance from the Secretariat to organize the contacts with members of your regional group.

Yours sincerely,

[Original Signed]

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