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Parties to the Basel Convention

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, I have the pleasure to bring to your attention a recent development that gives further prominence to the Bali Declaration on Waste Management for Human Health and Livelihood, that was adopted by the Ministers and other heads of delegation during the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention in Bali, on 23-27 June 2008.

On 21 May 2010, at the initiative of Indonesia, the sixty third session of the World Health Assembly adopted a resolution on the Improvement of Health through Safe and Environmentally Sound Waste Management (WHA63.25) that, inter alia, welcomes the Bali Declaration on Waste Management for Human health and Livelihood. It also urges member states to apply the health impact assessment as one of the key tools in assessing the health aspects of waste management, and requests the Director General of the World Health Organization to work together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to strengthen the implementation of the Bali Declaration.

This endorsement builds on the UNEP Governing Council Decision 25/8 that was adopted at its twenty-fifth session that also welcomed the Bali Declaration. This decision request the Executive Director of UNEP to support the implementation of actions identified therein and invites international organizations, governments, industry and private sector to provide resources and technical assistance to developing countries to enable them to actively pursue integrated waste management.

Resolution WHA 63.25 is yet another testimony of the importance of the Basel Convention to the protection of human health and it will encourage the streamlining of the objectives of the Convention and the action set out in the Bali Declaration in health policies and programmes around the world.

I am honored to see the objectives of the Basel Convention and of the Bali Declaration successfully carried forward during my Presidency. I am grateful to all the governments that have supported these achievements, whether in the UNEP Governing Council or in the World Health Assembly. I encourage you to reach out the Health Ministry in your country so as to ensure that the objectives of and actions specified in resolution WHA 63.25 and in the Bali Declaration, are implemented hand in hand.

I thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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