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**Subject:** Invitation to review and submit comments on the revised draft road map for “From Science to Action”

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At the 2015 meetings, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-12/22, RC-7/12 and SC-7/30, by which they recognized the importance of the science-policy interface for the effectiveness of the conventions and the need for greater access to scientific understanding in developing countries to enhance informed decision-making on the implementation of the conventions. The conferences of the Parties also stressed the need for scientific underpinning for decision-making and policymaking in the sound management of chemicals and wastes at the national and regional levels.

At the 2017 meetings, the conferences of the Parties adopted decisions BC-13/22, RC-8/15, SC-8/25, by which they emphasized that, through its subsidiary bodies, expert groups and other related mechanisms, including with other partners, the necessary processes are in place to ensure science-based work and decision-making under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. The conferences of the Parties further emphasized the importance of, and the need to enhance, the interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process to promote the exchange, development and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions.

The draft road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in an informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions at the regional and national levels was prepared by the Secretariat and presented at the 2017 meetings (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/5). The conferences of the Parties requested the Secretariat to revise it, with a focus on moving from multilateral dialogue to action at the national and regional levels while avoiding duplication and inconsistencies with existing mechanisms and taking into account the views expressed by Parties during the 2017 meetings.

Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and other stakeholders are invited to review the revised draft road map and submit comments to the Secretariat by **28 February 2018**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: [kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org](mailto:kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org).

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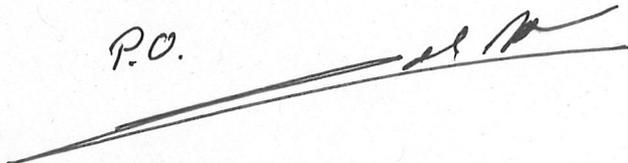
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Yours sincerely,

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