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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Secretariat for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

10 March 2006

Dear NGO colleagues,

On 6 February 2006 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) adopted the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). SAICM will provide a policy framework for international efforts to achieve the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation's goal that, by 2020, chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse effects on human health and the environment.

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) with expertise and responsibilities in the field of international chemicals management have been important stakeholders in the development of SAICM and have a significant role to play in its implementation. In order to facilitate the continuing engagement of NGOs in SAICM, the ICCM, in its resolution 1, called on "...non-governmental participants to designate Strategic Approach focal points and communicate the details of the focal points to the Strategic Approach secretariat." These focal points will be part of the network of Strategic Approach stakeholders to be established and maintained by the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 28 of the SAICM overarching policy strategy.

The SAICM Secretariat thus invites organisations to nominate an official SAICM focal point. In order to avoid duplication, and to enhance coordination, NGOs which are part of an umbrella organisation or a network are encouraged to coordinate among themselves to nominate a single focal point.

The nomination should be communicated using the enclosed form, which should be forwarded to the SAICM Secretariat at the address below as soon as possible and not later than **28 April 2006**.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maged Younes', written in a cursive style.

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