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Your Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 21 June 2008, I would like to acknowledge the ongoing and generous support of donors for implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). The Quick Start Programme Trust Fund is expected to near or exceed its US\$19 million cumulative fundraising target by the end of 2008, an extensive series of meetings for all regions and the Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group (OELTWG) have been financed, and the SAICM secretariat has reached agreed staffing levels.

There is nonetheless one particular SAICM budget requirement for which further support is needed as soon as possible. This is the upcoming meeting of SAICM's governing body, the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM), whose second session is scheduled to take place in Geneva from 11 to 15 May 2009. "ICCM2" will be an important first opportunity for stakeholders to review implementation progress since the adoption of SAICM in 2006 and the first time that the Conference performs its official functions, including in relation to finance, emerging policy issues, and reporting.

I am grateful to the European Commission and the Government of Norway and Switzerland for their early support for ICCM2. I would urge other Governments in a position to contribute to do so in the near future so that preparations for this key international meeting can proceed smoothly and that maximum stakeholder participation can be assured.

Please communicate any pledges of support to the SAICM Secretary, c/o DTIE/Chemicals Branch, United Nations Environment Programme, 11-13 chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland, Fax +4122-797-3460

Your Government's contribution to the successful holding of ICCM2 will be greatly appreciated.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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