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Subject: Invitation to submit comments on an inception paper "Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy for the Technical Assistance Plan of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions" by 31 October 2018

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

In May 2017, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-13/9, RC-8/9 and SC-8/15 on technical assistance, by which they welcomed the technical assistance plan (TA Plan) for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2018–2021 (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/36-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/26-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/25) and requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to implement it in cooperation with relevant actors striving to attract the programming capacity and financial resources of relevant international organizations.

Paragraph 24 of the TA Plan, on monitoring and evaluation of the plan, provides that an analysis of the effectiveness of activities employed in the delivery of the TA Plan will be conducted at regular intervals reflecting on the tangible outcomes, activities and indicators, in line with the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties.

In order to conduct such monitoring and evaluation, the Secretariat has prepared an inception paper presenting the proposed approach for developing a monitoring and evaluation strategy for the TA Plan.

All Parties are invited to review the inception paper and provide comments to the Secretariat by **31 October 2018**. Taking into account the comments received, the Secretariat will prepare a more detailed document presenting the full monitoring and evaluation strategy for the TA Plan for consideration by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at their meetings to be held in Geneva from 29 April to 10 May 2019.

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

If you have any questions regarding this invitation, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (Email: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org; Tel.: +41 22 917 8201).

Yours, sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

- Inception paper "Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy for the Technical Assistance Plan of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions"
- Technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2018–2021 (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/36-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/26-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/25)

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