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Subject: Consultation with Parties on the allocation of savings made during biennium 2020-2021 owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At their online segment (26-30 July 2021), the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions respectively adopted decisions BC-15/2, RC-10/3 and SC-10/4 on the interim programmes of work and budgets for the conventions for 2022. In these decisions, the conferences of the Parties requested the executive secretaries to the conventions to prepare a revised proposal for the programmes of work and budgets for the biennium 2022–2023, including information on the savings made owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and, in full consultation with the Parties, submit a proposal on the allocation of those savings, for consideration by the conferences of the Parties at the face-to-face segment of their meetings to take place from 6-17 June 2022.


The final savings from the 2020-2021 biennium will only be known to the Secretariats in April-May 2022, shortly before the face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties.

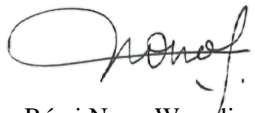
The Secretariats are thus inviting Parties to provide their views on the use of potential savings made owing to the COVID-19 pandemic upfront, by sending their input by 28 February 2022 to: administration@brsmeas.org. The responses from Parties will be compiled in an information document, for consideration by the conferences of the Parties during the face-to-face segment of their meetings in June 2022, together with information on the actual savings and a proposal from the Secretariat on their allocation.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Satu Ojala (E-mail: administration@brsmeas.org and/or ojala@un.org), Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

We look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely,


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