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**Subject: Procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Rotterdam Convention**

Dear Ms Kohler,

We refer to the letter dated 21 January 2016 from S.E. Ambassador Franz Perrez, President of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, on the above-mentioned subject.

We confirm that the EU and its Member States can accept the text annexed to decision RC-7/6 as it stands. This text is the result of the negotiations at Rotterdam Convention COP7 and should not be re-opened.

We understand that, as stated in CRP.20 of 15 May 2015, the provisions of paragraph 20 (d), (e) and (f) of decision RC-7/6, which are in square brackets, shall only take effect if decided by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting after the review of the implementation of the procedures and mechanism on compliance, including the effectiveness of its decision-making process.

Yours sincerely,

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