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Excellency,

The United Nations Division for Sustainable Development (DSD/DESA) has the great pleasure to invite you to the **High-level Launching Event for the Publication of “*Practices in the Sound Management of Chemicals*”** during the 18th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18). The event is organized by the DSD/DESA, the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, and the UNEP Chemicals Branch. It will take place during the high-level segment of the CSD-18 on **Wednesday, 12 May 2010 from 6:15 to 7:45 pm, in NLB Conference Room 6, the UN Headquarters, New York.**

The publication of “*Practices in the Sound Management of Chemicals*” was jointly prepared by the above three agencies. It aims to support the discussions on the thematic topic of “Chemicals” in the 18th and 19th sessions of the CSD. It presents successful practices and experiences in the sound management of chemicals worldwide. Nearly all case studies included were developed by individuals directly involved in the projects selected. The cases encompass information about the history of the projects as well as challenges, implementation experiences, lessons learned and future plans.

Please find attached herewith the programme of the launching event, including information on speakers. You may also direct any questions you may have to Ms. Ling Wang, DSD, phone: 212-963-0727 or e-mail: wang24@un.org.

I would like to underline the importance of this launching event and look forward to the active participation by all Member States and stakeholders.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Banuri', with a horizontal line underneath.

Tariq Banuri
Director
Division for Sustainable Development

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