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**Nomination of the RECETOX, Masaryk University POPs Centre, to serve as regional centre under the Stockholm Convention for UN region of Central and Eastern Europe**

To: Secretariat for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Dear Sir,

Mr. Martin Bursík, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic, has asked us in the enclosed letter of 6th August 2007 to submit request for nomination of the RECETOX, the Masaryk University POPs Centre in Brno, to serve as regional centre for capacity-building and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies under the Stockholm Convention for the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

In conformity with the procedure set up by the Decision SC-3/12 we discussed the proposal within the CEE UN region in writing and we gathered support for the above mentioned proposal. Therefore, we would like to put forward the proposal and nominate the RECETOX, POPs centre of the Masaryk University in Brno, to serve as nominated CEE regional centre for POPs under the Stockholm Convention.

In our view, the RECETOX has a long tradition, outstanding experience in POPs issues and provides knowledgeable experts speaking and working both in English and Russian (in addition to Czech and Slovak) and thereby ensuring a sound base for capacity-building and transfer of technologies under the Stockholm Convention for the CEE region.

Please find the request letter and additional information about the Masaryk University POPs Centre enclosed. We would appreciate if you could, in conformity with the Decision SC-3/12 and its Annex, consider this centre as nominated regional centre on behalf of the CEE region.

Yours faithfully,

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Nomination letter by Mr. Martin Bursík, Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic  
Information on RECETOX and its activities according to the SC-2/9

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