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Dear Ms. Marduhaeva and Ms. Šebková,

In accordance with the decision SC-3/12 of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants adopted on 4th May 2007 let me submit the nomination of the Czech Republic for the Stockholm Convention regional centre.

The Government of the Czech Republic agreed by its Resolution Nr. 462 adopted on 19 April 2006 to offer the know how and facilities of the Central and Eastern European Regional Centre for Persistent Organic Pollutants established by the Masaryk University, Brno, and by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic in September 2005 to other Parties of the Stockholm Convention to serve as a regional centre in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention.

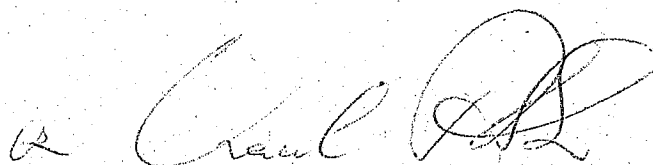
The offer of the Czech Republic was presented both at second and third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention to other countries from the Central and Eastern Europe. Their response was very positive. Therefore it is my pleasure to submit to you the official request to consider the Central and Eastern European Regional Centre for Persistent Organic Pollutants (CEEPOPsCTR) in Brno as the official "nominated Stockholm Convention regional centre" pursuant to the decision SC-3/12.

The Centre will be open to close cooperation with other institutions in the region interested to serve as a regional or subregional centre for any particular issue. We anticipate close cooperation especially with the Basel Convention regional centre in Bratislava and proposed subregional POPs centre in Macedonia.

I enclose detailed information on the activities of the Central and Eastern European Centre for Persistent Organic Pollutants in Brno taking into account the Terms of Reference for regional centres adopted at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (SC-2/9).

I would appreciate if you could submit this nomination to other countries of the Central and Eastern European UN region as well as to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention.

Yours faithfully,



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