



turn back the toxic tide

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Hon. Achim Steiner
Office of the Executive Director
United Nations Environment Programme
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Dear Hon. Steiner,

The Basel Action Network (BAN), a global network of activists seeking to stem the tide of trade in toxics, considers compliance with multilateral environmental agreements to be of paramount importance. As a non-governmental organization (NGO) watchdog focused on the Basel Convention, we see part of our role as seeking to ensure compliance with the legal obligations of the Convention. To that end, we began publishing the Basel Non-Compliance Notifications in 2005.

It is with sadness that herein we are forwarding to your office the enclosed Basel Non-Compliance Notification with evidence that the nation of Japan has been found to very likely not be in compliance with the Basel Convention.

We stand ready to work with you to help rectify the situation and hope you will do anything you can also to address the matter as well. Many of these cases can readily be corrected and that is our goal. Should they be corrected we will likewise publish this information as an update to the case.

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to respond to this notification regarding any plans you may have to rectify or clarify the non-compliance problem. We look forward to hearing from you and assisting your office in any way we can.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Puckett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Puckett
Coordinator