Concerning: Call of data 2007/2008 of the Coordinating Centre of Effects under the LRTAP Convention

The Working Group on Effects, at its 26th session (Geneva, 29-31 August 2007), approved the proposal made at the 23rd Task Force meeting of the ICP-M&M (Sofia, 26-27 April 2007) to issue a call for data on empirical critical loads, critical loads for acidification and eutrophication, and for data on dynamic modelling (EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/2 para. 12j). The Coordinating Centre of Effects (CCE) has hence issued a call to parties of the LRTAP Convention.

The empirical data on critical loads and data on dynamic modelling play a crucial role for the further development of the effects-based approach which was already successfully used by the Convention and the European Commission for their air pollution policy. EU Member States through their ICP M&M National Focal Centres are thus invited to provide such data through the CCE in order to support the scientific basis and the effects-based approach of reviews and revisions of European Community policy.

The European Commission also wishes to stress the importance of providing such data for areas designated under Natura 2000 as these areas should have a high degree of protection against air pollution. I therefore kindly ask you to respect the deadline for submission.

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