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Dear Mr. Willis,

I refer to your letter with reference No. 2.9/COB/YES of 4 March 2013 requesting confirmation by the depositary on the number of parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal of 22 March 1989 at the time of adoption of the Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal of 22 September 1995 (the "Amendment") and information as to the required instruments of consent to be bound for its entry into force.

In accordance with decision BC-10/3 adopted by the Conference of the Parties with respect to the interpretation of paragraph 5 of article 17 of the Convention regarding amendments, the Amendment shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the deposit of instruments of consent to be bound by three-fourths of those parties that were parties to the Convention at the time of adoption of the Amendment.

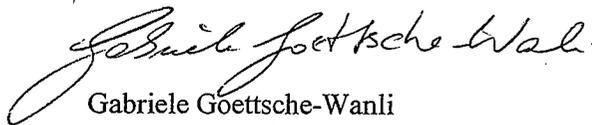
In this respect, the eighty-seven (87) States listed in the document attached to this letter were parties to the Convention at the time of the adoption of the Amendment to the Convention. Currently, fifty (50) of those States parties to the Convention have deposited their instruments of consent to be bound by the Amendment. The European Union is a party to both the Convention and the Amendment. However, in conformity with the provisions of the Convention in relation to entry into force, the depositary recalls that instruments deposited by the European Union are not counted as additional to the instruments deposited by its Member States.

It follows from the above that sixty-six (66) States out of the eighty-seven (87) listed in the attached document are required for the Amendment to enter into force. Therefore, sixteen (16) additional instruments of ratification, approval or acceptance from those States in the attached list are required for the Amendment to enter into force.

Please note that the updated participation list is available on the Treaty Section's website at http://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-3-a&chapter=27&lang=en

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

List of States that were parties to the Convention at the time of the adoption of the Amendment to the Convention

Antigua and Barbuda	Argentina	Australia	Austria	Bahamas
Bahrain	Bangladesh	Belgium	Brazil	Canada
Chile	China	Comoros	Costa Rica	Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia	Cuba	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark	Ecuador	Egypt	El Salvador	Estonia
Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Guatemala
Guinea	Hungary	India	Indonesia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland	Israel	Italy	Japan	Jordan
Kuwait	Latvia	Lebanon	Liechtenstein	Luxembourg
Malawi	Malaysia	Maldives	Mauritius	Mexico
Monaco	Namibia	Netherlands	New Zealand	Nigeria
Norway	Oman	Pakistan	Panama	Peru
Philippines	Poland	Portugal	Republic of Korea	Romania
Russian Federation	Saudi Arabia	Senegal	Seychelles	Slovakia
Slovenia	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka	St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia	Sweden	Switzerland	Syrian Arab Republic	Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey	United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United Republic of Tanzania	Uruguay
Viet Nam	Zambia			