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Subject: Joint Survey on E-waste

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in a joint survey on e-waste of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)/ Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the United Nations University (UNU) in collaboration with the Solving the E-waste Problem (StEP) Initiative and the Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE).

Over the last decades the electronics industry has revolutionized the world: electrical and electronic products have become ubiquitous in today's life around the planet. The quick spread of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) has raised public attention not only on the positive steps such as towards the reduction of the digital divide, but also on the negative effects of bad management of waste of electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE or e-waste) on the environment and human health.

The alarming and increasing reports on the e-waste situation in many countries and in particular in least developed countries and countries with economies in transition call for an urgent global action.

The aim of this survey is to collect necessary data to inform about the e-waste issue, the respective policies and standards. It will also aim at identifying key stakeholders, promoting exchange of information and fostering collaborative work.

Respondents are strongly encouraged to complete the online survey which can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ewastesurvey2011> and will be available until 31 January 2012. Please contact Ms. Cristina Bueti (ewastesurvey@itu.int), should you like to fill the survey using an interactive PDF.



Please be informed that the anonymous results of the survey will be made available at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/climatechange/e-waste/index.html> in April 2012. The findings of this joint effort will help facilitate the sharing of best practices and foster the creation of global policies and standards.

It is, therefore, our pleasure to invite you to support our joint effort by filling in this survey.

We look forward to receiving your contribution.

Yours faithfully,

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