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Dear colleagues

Please find enclosed correspondence from Mr John Wren, as co-ordinator of the IMO HNS Correspondence Group, on progress towards implementation of the HNS Convention.

Please note the request for information from all Member States of the Group, at the end of Mr Wren's letter.

Many thanks
Kind regards

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Dear colleague

Progress of States towards implementation of the HNS Convention

The UK is currently in the process of preparing a report on the work of the HNS Correspondence Group for the next meeting of the Legal Committee on 28 April – 2 May 2003.

Since LEG 85 in October 2002, this work has primarily focused, amongst a small number of States, on preparations for the meeting in Ottawa in June 2003. Members of the Correspondence Group will have received my correspondence of 4 March outlining the details of this meeting and urging members of the Group to attend. However, we believe it would be of assistance both to Member States, and to the IMO, to prepare a report for LEG 86 on the progress of individual States towards implementation of the regime.

The position of the United Kingdom at this stage is that we have the necessary legislation in place in order to implement the regime and we are currently engaged in a consultation process on ratification with interested national industry associations. We are aware that progress towards implementation is also being made in Ireland, Canada and the Scandinavian States.

It would be helpful, however, if all Member States in the Correspondence Group could provide information on their own progress towards implementation of the regime. This information will then be included in the report of the Correspondence group to LEG 86, and we would, therefore be grateful to receive your responses by Friday 28 March in order for the report to be compiled in good time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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