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of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

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*Presented to Parliament
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Insert new preambular paragraph 7 bis:

“Recognizing that transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, especially to developing countries, have a high risk of not constituting an environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes as required by this Convention”.

Insert new Article 4A:

“1. Each Party listed in Annex VII shall prohibit all transboundary movements of hazardous wastes which are destined for operations according to Annex IV A, to States not listed in Annex VII.
2. Each Party listed in Annex VII shall phase out by 31 December 1997, and prohibit as of that date, all transboundary movements of hazardous wastes under Article I(i)(a) of the Convention which are destined for operations according to Annex IV B to States not listed in Annex VII. Such transboundary movement shall not be prohibited unless the wastes in question are characterized as hazardous under the Convention.”

“Annex VII

Parties and other States which are members of OECD, EC, Liechtenstein.”

I hereby certify that the foregoing text is a true copy of the Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted on 22 September 1995 at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which took place in Geneva from 18 to 22 September 1995, the original of which is deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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