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Dear Ms. Nolan, *Maria,*

I refer to the letter of the Acting Executive Director of UNEP of 6 June 2006 concerning the invitation for the Multilateral Fund (MLF) for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, within its mandate, to consider supporting implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).

Enclosed for your information is a status report on the Quick Start Programme and its trust fund prepared by the SAICM secretariat. The document provides an update on activities supported by the QSP with a view of facilitating coordination and information exchange with the MLF secretariat on projects of potential mutual interest. A copy of the report is also being provided to MLF implementing agencies.

The SAICM secretariat would be pleased to provide further details of the projects listed in the report and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with the MLF secretariat in strengthening the sound management of chemicals.

Yours sincerely,



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