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Dear Colleagues

Progress towards implementation of the HNS Convention

In order to keep the Legal Committee informed of States' progress towards implementation of the HNS Convention, I would be very grateful for details of any implementation efforts that you are undertaking which can be included in a report to the 89th session of the Legal Committee in October 2004.

It would be helpful if colleagues that provided information for the previous report (attached for reference) could either confirm that what was written in that report is still correct or provide details of any further progress.

As you may recall, the UK conducted an initial public consultation earlier this year and we will be publishing the draft implementing legislation shortly, with a view to ratifying the Convention next spring.

I would be grateful for your responses by **Friday 17 September** so that they can be incorporated into a paper and submitted within the deadline of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

John Wren