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Dear colleagues

I am attaching a note to all members of the HNS Correspondence Group about the special consultative meeting in Ottawa on 3,4,5 June 2003, together with the Registration Form and details of the venue for the meeting.

This meeting will mark a crucial step towards finally bringing the HNS Convention into force. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

On behalf of the Correspondence Group I would like to express thanks to our colleagues in Canada for arranging this important initiative.

Best regards

John Wren
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HNS Correspondence Group

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To all members of the HNS Correspondence Group

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the discussions at the 85th Session of the IMO's Legal Committee (LEG 85) on monitoring the implementation of the HNS Convention, and the commitment made at this time to hold a special consultative meeting of like-minded nations on this subject, we are pleased to confirm that the Canadian delegation has made the necessary arrangements to provide the venue for such a meeting.

This meeting marks a crucial step in the work of the Legal Committee to finally implement the HNS Convention. The meeting will provide the opportunity to finalise the core work on the arrangements and options for implementation of this key IMO convention prior to the report of the Correspondence Group on our work at Legal Committee (LEG 87) in October.

All Government delegations, intergovernmental organizations and industry associations who have an interest in the implementation of this Convention are, therefore, invited and indeed *urged* to take part in this important initiative. Those interested in attending are asked to submit the attached registration form by 16 May, i.e. after LEG 86 and the IOPC diplomatic conference and after additional side meetings in London.

Some delegations have already indicated that they will submit papers to address any key outstanding issues relevant to the Convention. So as to allow sufficient time for distribution to all participants well in advance of the meeting, you are invited to submit these by the end of the IOPC diplomatic conference on 16 May

Other participants are invited to submit papers for consideration at the meeting by the same date.

Meeting Information:

When: June 3, 4 and 5, 2003, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Where: Robertson Conference Room
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Registration: To assist with meeting arrangements, participants are asked to complete the attached meeting registration form by May 16 and

e-mail it to Ms. Hassiba Benamara: benamah@tc.gc.ca or by fax: (613) 998-1845. A copy should be sent to Mr. John Wren by e-mail: John.wren@dft.gsi.gov.uk or by fax: +44 20 7 944 2186.

Further information and details regarding accommodation, transport and host country information will be made available in the near future.

REGISTRATION FORM

Meeting of the Working Group on the implementation of the HNS Convention

June 3 - 5, 2003

**Host: Department of Transport
Venue: Robertson Conference Room
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Canada**

Please return completed registration to the attention of Ms. Hassiba Benamara: benamah@tc.gc.ca or by fax: (613) 998-1845 no later than May 16. A copy should be sent to Mr. John Wren by e-mail: John.wren@dft.gsi.gov.uk or by fax: +44 20 7 944 2186.

Name of Participant: _____ Accompanying Person: Yes--- No--

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

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E-mail: _____

Paper To be Submitted : Yes No Topic: _____

Special Requirements: _____

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