

Letter from the Cabinet of Commissioner Wallström



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Dear Mr. Vijgen,

Let me thank you on behalf of Commissioner Wallström for sending us the reports of the 6th International HCH & Pesticides Forum, and congratulate you for the success of this event, which the Commission is glad to have supported.

These reports are issued at a very opportune moment, as the Community has recently signed the Stockholm Convention, reflecting its deep concern to eliminate persistent pollutants from the environment.

The Commission is committed to supporting and promoting the environmentally sound disposal of the existing stocks of obsolete pesticides, which constitute a serious danger to the environment.

Within the limits of our means, the disposal of such hazardous waste, as of any hazardous waste for that matter, can be eligible to compete for technical and financial assistance in the framework of the current EU-funding channels, such as the LIFE programme and ISPA.

We wish you the best of luck for subsequent editions of the International HCH & Pesticides Forum in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED
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