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To: Heads of Delegations to the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology

Cc: Working Group on Good Laboratory Practice
Working Group of National Coordinators of the Test Guidelines Programme
Observer Countries
BIAC, TUAC, EEB
ENV Counsellors to OECD Permanent Delegations

Dear Sir/Madam,

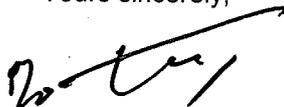
Full adherence of Brazil to MAD Council Decisions

I am pleased to inform you that on 29 March, 2011, Brazil accepted the invitation of the Council to become a full adherent to the OECD Council Acts related to the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals and to join that part of the Chemicals Programme related to MAD, with all of the rights and obligations of member countries. This means that Brazil – like India, South Africa and Singapore – now takes part as a full Participant in that part of the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology that concerns MAD, as well as in the Working Groups on Good Laboratory Practice and of National Test Guideline Co-ordinators.

At present, only non-clinical health and environmental safety test data on *pesticides* (including *biocides*) and *industrial chemicals* generated in Brazil have to be accepted in OECD countries and adhering non-Members, until such time that the scope of Brazil's Compliance Monitoring Programme is broadened to include other types of chemicals (e.g., medical products), or another Brazilian GLP Compliance Monitoring Programme for other chemical products undergoes a successful OECD on-site evaluation visit.

In order for the MAD system to continue to function smoothly, I encourage you to inform all of the receiving authorities in your country of this agreement.

Yours sincerely,



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