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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, it is my privilege to report on the progress of our network during 2004.

Thanks to the active assistance of a growing number of INECE participants, this year the network made great strides toward our goal of strengthening the fundamental role that environmental compliance and enforcement plays in building the foundation for the rule of law, good governance, and, ultimately, for sustainable development.

When reviewing the following highlights, we encourage you to follow the links to the INECE web site for further information on our progress implementing the INECE Strategic Plan:

1. **Expanding the INECE Network.** INECE continued to add new participants throughout the year, and currently has approximately 4,000 participants from over 150 countries, representing national, state, and local environmental departments; enforcement authorities; international and national nongovernmental organizations; academia; and the private sector. <http://www.inece.org/overview/structure.html>
2. **Expanding the INECE Executive Planning Committee.** INECE welcomed three new members to the Executive Planning Committee:
 - Jim Gray, Director, Environmental Protection Directorate, Environment Agency (England and Wales);
 - Professor Aiko Morishima, Chairman, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan; and
 - Bill Clark, Nature and National Parks Protection Authority, Israel, and the Interpol Wildlife Enforcement Group.
3. **Sharing the INECE Message on Environmental Compliance & Enforcement.** INECE shared its enforcement message through a record number of presentations at international and regional meetings, including:
 - EU Network for the Implementation & Enforcement of Environmental Law meetings in Dublin, Ireland and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
 - Balkan Environmental Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement Network meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
 - OECD Conference on Economic Aspects of Environmental Compliance Assurance in Paris, France.
 - IUCN World Conservation Congress in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - UN Climate Change Convention Tenth Conference of the Parties in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 - International Maritime Organization GloBallast Conference in Tehran, Iran.

- Performance Measures for Compliance and Enforcement Workshop in Ottawa, Canada.
- World Bank/ECLAC Latin American Indicators meeting in Santiago, Chile.
- Asia Regional Compliance & Enforcement Network meeting in Bangkok.
- INECE/EIA Timber Enforcement Workshop in Bangkok.

Several of the presentations are available at <http://www.inece.org/library/presentations.html>

4. **Using Networks to Strengthen Governance for Sustainable Development.** INECE was featured as a leading example of the critical role transnational government networks serve in global governance in Professor Anne-Marie Slaughter's recent book ***A New World Order*** (Princeton University Press 2004). Professor Slaughter, who is the Dean at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University, singled out INECE and noted out work with UNEP in promoting enforcement and compliance at the Global Judicial Forum in Johannesburg. Professor Slaughter was one of INECE's best promoters last year, using INECE as an outstanding example in her presentations, including:

- [The Washington Diplomat](#)
- [Georgetown Law Center](#)
- [Ottawa Center for International Governance Innovation](#)
- [Carnegie Council on Ethics & Int'l Affairs](#)

5. **Publishing Enforcement News and Best of Book.** INECE published and distributed two issues of the INECE Newsletter and periodic press releases on our activities. <http://inece.org/news.html> INECE also edited a "Best of Enforcement" book, with a selection of the best INECE conference papers, as well as articles by other renowned authors in the fields of environmental implementation, enforcement, and compliance. The book will be available at the 7th Conference.

6. **Developing Indicators for Environmental Compliance & Enforcement.** The INECE Indicators Expert Working Group helped launch an indicators pilot project for Costa Rican forestry law enforcement. They also developed a working draft of *Performance Measurement Guidance for Compliance and Enforcement Practitioners*. INECE also hosted an "e-dialogue" on best practices for identifying environmental compliance and enforcement indicators, and presented its indicator work to audiences in Bangkok, Santiago, Amsterdam, Brussels, and elsewhere on the benefits of performance measurement and strategies for developing appropriate indicators. INECE launched a new indicator pilot project with UNEP focusing on implementation, compliance, and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements. <http://www.inece.org/forumsindicators.html>

7. **Promoting Enforcement Strategies for Emission Trading Programs.** In cooperation with the Environment Agency (England and Wales), INECE organized and hosted a workshop in March 2004 at Oxford University of expert stakeholders from government, international institutions, the non-governmental community, and the private sector as the first step in developing a comprehensive strategy to ensure full compliance with emissions reduction commitments and with trading regulations. Participants reinforced the conclusion that strong enforcement mechanisms are critical to the success of trading schemes and called for INECE to continue its efforts to identify best practices for compliance and enforcement and share knowledge across regions to strengthen global trading systems. <http://www.inece.org/emissions/index.html>

8. **Fostering Enforcement Cooperation to Address Illegal Logging.** INECE and the Environmental Investigation Agency brought together regional experts from Southeast Asia to develop strategies for "Increasing Enforcement Cooperation to Control Transboundary Trade in Illegally Produced Logs and Timber."
<http://www.inece.org/illegaltimber/>
9. **Providing Comparative Enforcement Data for Judges.** INECE is developing a database on comparative judicial remedies to show how judges around the world remedy environmental violations in their societies. This will include comparative data on penalty policies and a "penalty calculator" based on the best practices around the world.
http://www.inece.org/news/120304_iucnjudgestalk.pdf
10. **Expanding Capacity Building and Training.** INECE revised the *Principles of Enforcement* text to reflect INECE's global experience and delivered training courses on the *Principles of Enforcement*, as well as a new course, *Environmental Law & Enforcement to Strengthen Water Governance*, which is being developed in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institute and UNDP's "Institute@" program. INECE also developed a set of Class Exercises for *UNEP's Training Manual on Environmental Law*.
<http://www.inece.org/enforcementprinciples.html>
11. **Developing a Research Agenda.** INECE and the Program on Governance for Sustainable Development at the University of California, Santa Barbara, assembled a group of experts at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management to develop a research agenda to promote empirical data-driven analysis that can help identify efficient and effective enforcement and compliance strategies. INECE also is collaborating with IUCN to develop the environmental law component of the research agenda and will co-sponsor IUCN's 2006 Colloquium *Implementing Environmental Legislation: The Critical Role of Enforcement and Compliance*.
12. **Utilizing the Web to Facilitate Communications Among Experts.** Traffic at the INECE Web site grew 67% from 2003, and the site now receives approximately 150,000 hits and 15,000 unique visits per month. The content also continued to expand throughout the year to provide access to relevant news and events, background information, and publications on the benefits and challenges of environmental enforcement in the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Pacific, and Africa. The Web site continued to profile current events and online resources in topical forums on Hazardous Waste, Enforcement Indicators, Inspectors, Public Access to Information, Ozone, Pesticides, Wildlife, and Water. INECE also launched its first real-time online discussion this year, which allowed 62 practitioners from 21 countries to confer on good practices for identifying compliance and enforcement indicators.
13. **Planning the 7th International Conference.** INECE is well into its planning for the 7th International Conference for Environmental Compliance & Enforcement, which will be held from 10 -15 April 2005, in Marrakech, Morocco. The 7th Conference Program builds upon the INECE goals, showcases current INECE activities, and includes discussion on topics such as the Compliance & Enforcement Message; the Relationship Between Good Governance and Compliance & Enforcement; Strengthening Implementation of MEAs; Indicators for Compliance & Enforcement; and Compliance & Enforcement in the Context of Development Banks. In addition to the International Conference, INECE also is co-sponsoring a Regional Conference on 9 April 2005 and a day of enforcement training on 10 April 2005. <http://inece.org/conference/7/>

In sum, INECE made substantial progress this year, thanks to your active support and participation, and thanks to the support of our funders, especially Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the United Nations Environment Program, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Smithsonian Institution, the World Bank Institute, Environment Canada, the European Commission, the Environment Agency (England and Wales), and the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic.

But we have many challenges ahead as we implement the next phase of the INECE Strategic Plan, and I hope that we will be able to count on your support and participation again in 2005.

Working together, we can continue to contribute to a healthy and clean environment, sustainable use of natural resources, and the protection of ecosystem integrity through effective compliance and enforcement of environmental laws.

On behalf of the EPC Co-Chairs, the EPC, and the Secretariat staff, we extend our best wishes for the holiday season and an exciting and productive New Year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Durwood Zaelke', written in a cursive style.

Durwood Zaelke
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