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Tēna koe Minister Sage

Ratification of the COP14 Ban Amendment to the Basel Convention

This email is to appeal to the New Zealand government to ratify the COP14 Ban Amendment to the Basel Convention before the COP 14 meeting in Geneva on the 1st of May this year.

The Ban Amendment to the Convention would mean banning the export of plastic waste contaminated with hazardous chemicals from more developed countries to less developed countries.

There are several Global North countries equipped with hazardous waste disposal facilities that accept imports and can deal with the materials in an environmentally sound manner. Therefore, the amendment does not prejudice Global North countries with waste export needs.

Only **two** more countries need to ratify the Ban Amendment for it to be part of the Basel Convention. 66 countries have already ratified and 68 are needed. Aotearoa has been identified as one country present at COP 3 that has not yet ratified the amendment.

If two ratifications are deposited before January 28, the Entry into Force of the Amendment will happen before COP14. However, if two countries are known to have been deposited before the May 1 COP14 meeting in Geneva, its entry into force will still be assured.

If 68 ratifications are deposited (meaning assurance of the amendment to the Convention), the Basel Action Network (BAN) will hold a special award ceremony side event at COP14 about the Ban Amendment, its history and significance. BAN will honour all of the countries that have ratified the Ban Amendment one at a time in order of their ratification with a special award given to the last three countries that served to seal the deal.

The undersigned sincerely hope Aotearoa will receive one of those special awards at COP14.

Sincerely

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