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Dear Dr. Cooper,

Re: Invitation to submit additional information specified in Annex (e) of the Stockholm Convention to the POPs Review Committee on Short **Chained Chlorinated Paraffins**

Reference is made to your letter (KI/Annex E) dated December 3, 2007 on the subject at caption.

Trinidad and Tobago is unable to meet the February 5, 2008 deadline for submission of data on short chained chlorinated paraffins with specific reference to toxicity and ecotoxicity as a result of existing data gaps in the national environmental database.

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I am pleased to advise however that the Government would soon commence implementation of a project "Initial Assistance to Enable Trinidad and Tobago to Fulfill its Obligations under the Stockholm Convention" with financial assistance from the Global Environment Facility. The implementation of this project will significantly enhance national capacity for monitoring and timely reporting on obligations under the Stockholm Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Permanent Secretary

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