



Brussels, 11 July 2007

To: The Environment Ministers of the EU Member States

Concerning: Your governments' contribution to the EU SDS Progress Report to the European Commission

Dear Minister,

The EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS), adopted in June 2006 by the European Council, is an important step to put the EU on a more sustainable track. However, the implementation in practice is key.

We hope that you are actively supporting this process in your country including the further development and implementation of your national sustainable development strategy.

The EU SDS introduced a two year reporting cycle to keep track of the implementation process of sustainable development in the member states. The European Commission (the Secretariat General) has requested the member states to send their reports to them by June 2007.

The European Environmental Bureau attaches great importance to the implementation of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy in the member states and would therefore highly appreciate to receive a copy of your national EU SDS progress report.

This would enable us to make an independent assessment of progress in parallel with the Analysis of the European Commission, and thus stimulate the debate on the implementation of the EU SDS in the member states.

We hope you will respond positively to our request and thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

John Hontelez, Secretary General European Environmental Bureau