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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to transmit the Announcement for the Fifth Annual University of Joensuu – UNEP Course on International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy, to be held from 29 June to 11 July 2008 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. This initiative is an annual event, under partnership arrangement between the University of Joensuu, Finland and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in collaboration with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

The Course is intended for experienced government officials engaged in international environmental negotiations. In addition, other stakeholders, such as representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector, may apply to participate in the course. Researchers and academics in the field of international environmental law are also welcome. As the Fifth Course's thematic focus is on oceans, candidates with experience in this field are encouraged to apply. Approximately 35 participants, with an equal distribution from North and South and with due regard to gender balance will be admitted to the Course. Participants having successfully completed this course will be awarded a Diploma.

It would be appreciated if the attached Announcement is brought to the attention of the relevant experts in your country to avail the opportunity to apply for the Course. Please note that the deadline for submitting applications is 30 April 2008.

Relevant information on the Programme is also available on the following websites: <http://www.joensuu.fi/unep/envlaw> and <http://www.unep.org/training>.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Achim Steiner
Executive Director

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Second Announcement (26 March 2008)

University of Joensuu - UNEP
Course on International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy

Fifth annual course

29th June to 11th July 2008 at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg campus, South Africa

The University of Joensuu, Finland, and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are organizing a high profile two-week course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy in collaboration with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. The Course is designed to transfer past experience in the field of international environmental law to the future negotiators of environmental agreements. In addition, the Course aims to provide a forum to foster North-South co-operation and to take stock of recent developments in negotiations as well as in implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and diplomatic practices in the area.

This is the fifth year in which the course will run and – as in previous years – the lecturers will be given by experienced hands-on diplomats, government officials and members of academia. This year, the course will include, among others, lecturers from the following institutions:

- Climate Change Secretariat
- Diplomatic Academy, Vienna
- European Commission, Environment Directorate General
- Government of Finland
- Government of South Africa
- UNEP
- University of Vienna
- University of Joensuu
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

The Programme will cover the following modules:

1. Global and Regional Environmental Issues
2. International Environmental Law and Policy
3. International Environmental Law-making
4. International Environmental Diplomacy
5. Special Theme: Oceans

In these modules, a broad range of subjects will be discussed. The course is based on interactive methods.

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An application form and a draft Programme can be found on the Course website. The application deadline is extended to 15th April 2008. Participants are expected to pay their travel and other expenses and a tuition fee of 700 euro. Candidates from developing countries and from countries with economies in transition can apply for a full or partial fellowship.

Further information: from the Course website, <http://www.joensuu.fi/unep/envlaw> or <http://www.unep.org/training> or from the contact address Unepcourse@joensuu.fi or env.edu@unep.org or from tel +358 13 2514278 fax + 358 13 251 4112 University of Joensuu, Department of Law PO. Box 111, FIN-80101 JOENSUU, FINLAND