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STATEMENT BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

1. A PUBLIC RIGHT TO KNOW IS A FUNDAMENTAL ATTRIBUTE OF DEMOCRACY
2. THE ENVIRONMENT BELONGS TO US ALL AND EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SOURCES (POTENTIAL AND ACTUAL), NATURE AND IMPACTS OF INDUSTRIAL HAZARDS AND POLLUTION.
3. INDUSTRY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE EVERYWHERE TO THE HIGHEST PREVAILING WORLD STANDARDS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
4. TRANSNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES (TNCs), SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE REGULATORY BODIES AND THROUGH THEM THE PUBLIC WITH TRI-EQUIVALENT DATA FOR ALL THEIR FACILITIES WORLDWIDE. SUCH TNCs SHOULD BE SEEN TO SET A LEADING EXAMPLE IN 'GOOD NEIGHBOUR' RELATIONS.
5. THE LEGISLATIVE, AND OTHER ACTIONS INDICATED ABOVE, SHOULD BE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE 'U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY' AND THE 'COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,' AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTS.
6. THE TRI 'METHODOLOGY' SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ENCOMPASS THE FULL RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS WHICH IMPACT UPON THE ENVIRONMENT.