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Dear Board Members of the Coalition against BAYER Dangers,

I would like to thank you for your open letter dated 12 August 2007 and addressed to UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner regarding UNEP's cooperation with Bayer AG.

We have taken note of your concerns as they relate to the upcoming third TUNZA International Youth Conference that will take place in Leverkusen, Germany from 26 to 30 August and welcome the opportunity to address the issues raised.

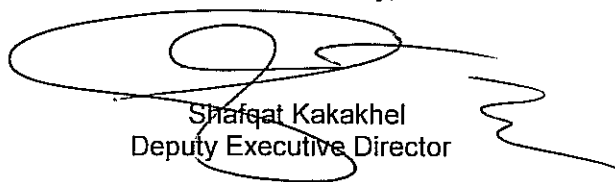
In recent years UNEP, like many other international and non-governmental organizations, has chosen to engage constructively with private sector entities to promote behavior change in the environmental field.

We are aware that many companies operating in the agro-chemical and pharmaceutical sector are subject to controversy. That is why we have opted to engage with these companies in the hope of achieving greater transparency and environmental sustainability.

I would like to assure you that all activities and content of the joint activities we have within the Tunza programme are designed by UNEP, and that there are no limitations by anyone to discussions or issues raised. The young people we work with in particular are selected for their outstanding environmental projects and critical minds.

We share the same dedication to sustainable development as you do and the same goal of making industry leaders more responsible global citizens.

Yours sincerely,



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