

Media Advisory

Press Conference on the Consumers International's publication entitled "*Checked Out: Are Supermarkets taking Responsibility for Labor Conditions in Developing Countries*" *(hosted by the CSD Secretariat)*

In preparation of the upcoming Commission of Sustainable Development (CSD) annual meeting scheduled to take place from 3 to 14 May 2010 in New York, the CSD Secretariat is organizing a series of thematic seminars to inform delegates of technical issues related to the topics of the current CSD cycle.

WHAT: Briefing on the Consumers International's publication entitled "*Checked Out: Are Supermarkets taking Responsibility for Labor Conditions in Developing Countries*"

WHO: The following experts will brief the press about the key findings of the report.
Ms. Catherine Nicholson, Senior Project Coordinator, Consumers International,
Mr. Thomas Graedel, Director, Center for Industrial Ecology,
Mr. Jim Fava, Library Auditorium, United Nations Headquarters

BACKGROUND

The report is a study of the corporate social responsibility (CSR) policies of leading supermarkets in eight European countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain. It focuses on their policies relating to labour conditions and trading relationships in developing country supply chains. It has revealed an inadequate and, at times, contradictory approach to addressing unacceptable labour conditions in the developing

and their implementation. It urges governments to introduce Right to Know legislation, or review existing legislation if it is not