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Dear Colleagues,

The following 15 countries signed the Rotterdam Rules during the formal ceremony:

1. Congo
2. Denmark
3. Gabon
4. Ghana
5. Greece
6. Guinea
7. Netherlands
8. Nigeria
9. Norway
10. Poland
11. Senegal
12. Spain
13. Switzerland
14. Togo
15. USA

France had some logistical difficulties during the formal ceremony uniting its duly authorized signer with the official paperwork granting him the full power to sign. France expects to sign before midnight (local time) tonight.

Benin and the Democratic Republic of Congo also had some logistical difficulties. They announced their intentions to sign in New York as soon as these difficulties are resolved (in a matter of days). As the DRC rep phrased it, "we consider ourselves part of those countries that have signed today."

A few other countries announced their intention to continue their consultation process with the suggestion that they would be likely to sign soon. This is a judgment call, but I would put Belgium and the UK in this category.

All the best,

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