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The following is an update on some aspects of the Nigeria issue:

o At the International Workshop it was agreed that those involved in the front line of the Nigeria issue should visit SPDC. Therefore, a party of five will be visiting Nigeria in early April to see at first hand developments in SPDC.

They are:

Julian Barnes, SIPC
Peter Bright, SIPC
Shona Falconer, Shell UK
Tim Van Kooten, Shell Nederland
Mike Sternesky, Shell Oil

Further visits will be planned as necessary.

o The film project proposed by SIPC at Pennyhill and supported by participants is now well underway. The producer, Mr Paddy Hughes, has been briefed and departed for Lagos today (13/3/95). Initially, he will spend some time 'scouting' and gathering information before engaging a local crew for the filming. The intention is to have a final production ready by early May.

o SIPC has written to Catma regarding participation in their third production on the Ogoni issue. SIPC will not proceed without absolute assurance from the production company that we will be treated fairly. SIPC recognises that such assurances are unlikely to be made. Unofficial sources tell us that the Catma film may be ready for broadcast in four weeks or so. It is possible the programme may be shown to coincide with the Annual General Meeting (18/05/95).

o SIPC has established a communications matrix to identify which politicians, NGOs, church movements, key individuals, media, industry associations etc are being briefed on the Nigeria issue, who is the Shell contact and which topics were discussed. We would be interested to know such information from the operating companies on a regular basis (please send to me as focal point for this contact group).

o There has been a recent wave of letters from the US as a result of a Greenpeace campaign - 1100 so far. Most call for the release of Saro-Wiwa and an end to human rights abuses and "environmental racism". The majority say that they will boycott Shell products. Each letter receives a response from SIPC.

o About forty letters have been sent directly to SPDC from the US. This is a change in tactics and these will be responded to by SPDC.

o Further to a request from Rainer Winzenried (Deutsche Shell) the next update will include a brief synopsis of developments in the Saro-Wiwa trial.

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