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ISDE wishes to express interest in becoming a partner and strong supporter of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

ISDE also wishes to express our commitment to achieving the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and our aim to participate representing the health sector.

ISDE is widely recognized as a health NGO with Consultative Status to the WHO and to ECOSOC.

ISDE currently represents the Health Sector at the SAICM Bureau.

ISDE's background and role in the Chemical Safety arena is extensive. Our participation in several aspects of the SAICM process, in IFCS' Forum Standing Committee (FSC) representing Science NGOs, in the POPs negotiation and Convention, in the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions, and in many other local and regional processes makes clear our permanent interest to continue contributing to the process.

ISDE can bring many resources and expertise to the process concerning mercury and health effects, both in prevention and raising awareness as well as diagnosis and treatment. ISDE also has knowledge and expertise in the area of monitoring and surveillance.

ISDE has a long time involvement in activities to prevent health effects produced by heavy metals and especially by mercury exposure. Our members and experts are involved in different activities through their national organizations and building links with other health professional's NGOs globally.

ISDE has an active involvement in mercury issues in relation to health effects education and dissemination interventions, but also in raising awareness activities. An important example is the campaign for the identification, collection and disposal of products containing mercury ("SAICM QSP Project on mercury in domestic products: "Campaign to Minimize Domestic

Sources with Intervention in the Community for the Protection of Children and Women's Health in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay") coordinated by the Asociación Argentina de Medicos por el Medio Ambiente, AAMMA.

ISDE in Latin America is also a member of the UNEP LAC Mercury Storage Project Execom (Asociación Argentina de Medicos por el Medio Ambiente, AAMMA).

ISDE, through its International Secretary that I represent, is also interested in actively participating in the Global Mercury negotiation process, now starting. We hope we can again accompany UNEP Chemicals in this new important challenge.

Looking forward to continuing collaboration with UNEP to reduce and eliminate the important negative burden that mercury represents for the environment and human health.

Sincerely yours,

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management <p>Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.</p>
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* UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving the partnership goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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