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**Asia Mercury Storage Project- Executive Committee Terms of Reference**

- An Executive committee (Execom) composed of up to 8 members is established to serve the Asian Mercury Storage Project.
- The Executive committee will be comprised of representatives of governments, major groups and sectors (development , industry, and non government organization and private sector) in the Asian region
- The Executive committee will select a chair who shall serve a 2 year term
- UNEP will be represented as ex-officio in the Executive Committee and will provide the Secretariat
- The functions and duties of the Asian Mercury Storage Project Execom will include the following:
  - To provide the leadership in catalyzing Regional action that will address excess mercury supply in Asia
  - To explore options and issues in addressing excess mercury supply in Asia taking into consideration costs and benefits, social and political acceptability, technical and environmental factors, public health, infrastructure, regulatory requirements and site selection
  - To agree on the terms of reference of the call for proposals/feasibility studies aimed at evaluating the most suitable option for the Asian region
  - To communicate project issues and concerns to governments and stakeholders in the Asian region, and to convene meetings as needed to facilitate progress toward an Asian storage solution
  - To recommend appropriate legislation/policies consistent with the establishment of a terminal storage facility
- The Executive committee will meet at least once every 2 months by conference calls and a least once a year in person
- Reports of the meetings of the Executive committee will be made available at [http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/storage/main\\_page.htm](http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/storage/main_page.htm)