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**Global Mercury Partnership  
Partnership Advisory Group, Sixth meeting**  
Bangkok, Thailand, 31 October – 1 November 2014

## **Provisional annotated agenda**

### **Item 1. Opening of the meeting**

1. The meeting will be opened by the secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, followed by welcome remarks by the Chair of the Partnership.

### **Item 2. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Adoption of the agenda**

2. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.6/1.

#### **(b) Organization of work**

3. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. on Friday, 31 October 2014 and finish at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 1 November 2014. The meeting will be held at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand.

### **Item 3. Discussion on the findings of the survey of the Partnership**

4. The secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership conducted a survey to take stock of how well the Partnership has done since the last review in 2012. The results have been compiled and the Partnership may wish to discuss these as well as proposals to address the observed challenges and opportunities. A summary of the survey results is available in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.6/3.

5. For your information, the detailed results from the survey on the individual partnership areas can be found in UNEP(DTIE)Hg/PAG.6/INF1.

**Item 4. Review of the overall progress and activities of the Partnership**

6. The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework (Annex I Section 3.f.v) states that one of the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group includes developing a report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. A draft report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership has been prepared by UNEP for consideration of the Partnership Advisory Group. The report is based on input from the partnership area leads. The document is available as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.6/4. The meeting may wish to review and discuss the report.
7. UNEP has prepared a draft overall progress report (2012-2014) which will be submitted to the Executive Director of UNEP. The document is available for information as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.6/INF2.

**Item 5. Discussion of the future work of the Partnership**

8. The secretariat has prepared a ‘thought starter’ on the possible direction for the future work of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, available as UNEP(DTIE)Hg/PAG.6/5. The purpose of the paper is to present some ideas for the strategic direction of the Partnership for consideration of the Partnership Advisory Group. The paper seeks to highlight the strengths of the Partnership and the role it has played before and during the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to prepare a legally binding instrument on mercury. It also considers some options for the future role of the Partnership during the interim period and after entry into force of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The last section addresses the background and options on funding for future work.
9. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to discuss and provide advice on possible ways the Partnership can support countries ratifying and implementing the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

**Item 6. Review of the Partnership business plans**

10. The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework (Annex I Section 3.f.i and ii) states that the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group include encouraging the work of the partnership areas as well as reviewing the partnership area business plans in order to advise the partnership areas on the consistency of the business plans with the overall goal and operational guidelines of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. The most recent business plans are available as UNEP(DTIE)Hg/PAG.6/6.

11. The Partnership business plans are updated for each Advisory Group meeting. It may be revised according to discussions at this meeting and especially keeping in mind the potential role of the Partnership with regard to supporting the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

**Item 7. Enhancing communication and outreach**

12. The secretariat, recognizing the importance of communication and outreach, has prepared a document which aims to address some of the issues brought up in the survey especially pertaining to communication and outreach (refer to agenda item 3). The document is available as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.6/7. The meeting may wish to discuss how to further enhance the communication and outreach activities of the Partnership.

**Item 8. Other matters**

13. The secretariat in collaboration with its Partners is intending to showcase the Partnership at the exhibition space at the sixth meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations Committee to develop a legally binding instrument on mercury (INC6) as well as facilitate the holding of several side events during the INC6.
14. The UNEP secretariat will provide information on the 12th International Conference of Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICGMP), Jeju, Korea, June 2015.
15. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

**Item 9. Closure of meeting**

16. It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 1 p.m. on Saturday, 1 November 2014.