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Bridging people with science and technology for healthy living and environmental development

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Subject: Letter of Intent to becoming a Partner

First of all let me take this opportunity to introduce our organization Center for Public Health and Environmental Health (CEPHED), Nepal is a nongovernmental organization working in the field of Environment and Public Health since its establishment in the year 2004. Its goal is improved environment management and public health with the vision of bridging people with science and technology for healthy living and environment safety. Its mission is to act as the bridging forum between people with science and technologies to made access to new scientific knowledge, technologies and safety measures of environment and public health sector through research, coordination, capacity building, piloting successful model and policy dialogue etc.

With its active engagement in the area of public health and environment, CEPHED has been awarded membership of several international networks such as: Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternative (GAIA); International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN); Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE); Health Care Without Harm (HCWH); Zero Mercury Working Groups of EEB; Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-Law), World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry (WAMFD) etc working worldwide in the area of environment and public health. CEPHED has received national and international level recognitions and awards for its contribution towards environment conservation and protection of public health. CEPHED has received Stockholm Convention on POPs Secretariat's PEN (PCB Elimination Network) Award 2011, Environment Conservation Award 2012 from Government of Nepal and National Recognition Award 2011 from Grill Entrepreneur Association.

As CEPHED has been actively engaged in the research, preparation, production, dissemination of several Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials such as posters, pamphlet, fact sheets, briefing papers, radio jingles and video documentary, engaged in organizing series of School level, District level, Regional level and National level awareness and capacity building programs with health care professional, hospitals, nurses, students and other stakeholder, programs on environment friendly and safe schools, heavy metals including mercury in health care, mercury in lighting issues throughout the country etc. are exactly in the line with the goals of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership areas to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and where feasible eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.



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Furthermore, our research activities on use and release of mercury from health sector, mercury in lighting CFL bulbs, Mercury in cosmetics skin whitening creams, mercury in children toys, mercury in health care

facilities air, bio monitoring of mercury in fish and human (fisher folks, child bearing age women's and health care professional including dental doctors, nurses and people with mercury filling) etc and

publication based on these researches etc. are directly contributing to the partnership areas such as: mercury air transport and fate research, mercury in products, mercury waste management etc. and hence willing to affirm our organizational and my personal commitments to be a partner to this novel cause and initiatives.

Our research, advocacy and successful piloting of mercury free health care services in Nepal trigger to shape the government policy of health care waste management including mercury free health care services initiatives, recent decision of our Government of Nepal, Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) to ban the import, purchase and use of mercury based equipment and ongoing campaign for mercury free dentistry are some of the best outcomes we have achieved at the national level and also contributed to the international treaty negotiation as well.

With this commitment, I sincerely request you to enlist our organization as well as myself as one of the active and vibrant partner to this UNEP Global Mercury Partnership initiative. We will be happy to render any additional information as well as reports of our research, publications on mercury related issues in Nepal as well as also joining our hand for regional chemical safety initiatives in the South Asia region and beyond.

Thanking you all in anticipation,

With best regard

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check the partnership areas to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining
- mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- mercury air transport and fate research
- mercury in products
- mercury releases from coal combustion
- mercury waste management
- mercury supply and storage mercury supply and storage
- mercury releases from the cement industry

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify:

* 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 supporter should specify how the organization intends to contribute towards the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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