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Ref: Partner support letter to the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Organisers,

hereby I confirm my support to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership as lead of the "Mercury air transport and fate research" area.

I also confirm my intention to contribute to achieving the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership according to the following objectives:

- Accelerate the development of sound scientific information on the global atmospheric mercury cycling and its patterns (e.g., air concentrations and deposition rates, mechanisms of air transport/transformation, air-water exchange, Hg chemistry in the MBL);
- Enhance sharing of such information among scientists and between them and policymakers;
- Provide technical assistance and training, where possible, to support the development of critical information;
- Establishment of regional air transport and fate collaborative research programs;
- Coordination and conduct of critical research on national/ regional/global scales that could contribute to a better understanding of the atmospheric transport and environmental fate of mercury emissions;
- Development of related data sets and tools;
- Coordination with various organizations and programs (i.e., GEOSS, IGBP-IGAC, IGBP-SOLAS, WHO, UNECE-HTAP);
- Coordination and training among international organizations and individual countries to achieve:
 - ✓ methods/modeling harmonization;
 - ✓ development of model intercomparison studies, sensitivity analyses and research strategies (national, regional, global) for addressing global cycling and transport; and
 - ✓ increased awareness and information transfer of global cycling in risk management decision-making.

I herewith enclose my registration form.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Nicola Pirrone
(Director)



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet is intended to provide an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at the following web address: <http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/default.htm>

What is the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership?

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship amongst various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership complements and supports the implementation of UNEP Governing Council Decision 24/3.

As of June 2008, the following partnership areas have been initiated:

- 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; and
- mercury waste management.

Other partnership areas are in the process of being considered and initiated.

What is the Overall Goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership?

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its

compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

What does joining the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership mean for prospective partners?

- Supporting the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contributing resources or expertise to the development and implementation of partnership activities.
- Networking with other organizations/agencies/individuals addressing mercury issues.

How does an organization join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership?

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal, and specifying how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Such letters should be submitted to:

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In submitting this letter, UNEP asks partners to also complete the attached registration form. Participation to the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP through a letter of confirmation. Your letter of support will be posted on the UNEP Chemicals web site.

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management </p> <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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