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Dear Sirs:

Currently I am on the staff working in the toxicology laboratory belonging to the Department of Toxicology, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of San Carlos of Guatemala.

We are interested in supporting the UNEP Global Mercury Program and contribute to fulfilling the goals of the program in the area of mercury waste management.

We identify fully with the program goals of the UNEP Global Mercury, to protect human health conscious of the extensive damage that produces metallic mercury on human health, fauna, flora and environment as a result of its high toxicity.

As an example of the interest we have in the topic, in the health sector and in a very small scale we carried out a descriptive study through a staff survey of 12 hospitals (8 national and four privates) to conduct the inventory and identify sources of metallic mercury, in order to provide a small contribution to develop national and regional inventories of mercury. The study was done by student Jennifer Contreras as his thesis to obtain the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

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## UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM \*

<b>Partnership Area</b>	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury in products</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management</li> </ul> <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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