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Dear Sir/Madam:

The International Federation of Dental Educators and Associations (IFDEA) is a nonprofit organization. It is a global community of dental educators, who have joined together to improve oral health worldwide by sharing knowledge and raising standards.

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The Mercury Treaty is a significant public health document and education an important aspect in many of the article provisions. IFDEA and its membership recognize that they have an important role to play in implementing the treaty through educating and training the profession and working with the public in communication and information sharing.

IFDEA Board has voted to join the United Nations Environmental Programme Global Mercury Partnership to identify, promote and strengthen the adoption of core competences and skills for environmentally sound lifecycle management of chemical waste.

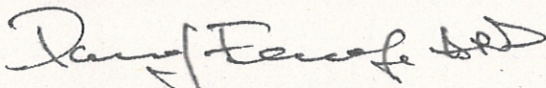
Globally dental faculties are key sentinel centers often providing the complete spectrum of education from under- and postgraduate education through to continuing professional development for dental practitioners. The IFDEA global dental schools database and website acts as a hub:

- to disseminate information and communication on global initiatives, events
- to provide updates, reports, and analysis on public health/environment policy
- for faculty leadership programs
- for interprofessional education
- to exchange and sharing of case studies and best practice experiences

While not in official relations with WHO, IFDEA collaborates closely with the WHO Global Oral Health Programme and has strong affiliations with student organizations encouraging their active participation in IFDEA programs and activities.

We look forward to contributing to the UNEP GMP and would be happy to provide more details to any questions.

Sincerely,



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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.

### ORGANIZATION NAME

International Federation of Dental Educators and Associations

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### TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

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- 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 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: