



Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 16th June 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Servando Pérez-Domínguez. I am the president of *MERCURIADOS* (*Asociación Española de Afectados por Mercurio de Amalgamas Dentales y Otras Situaciones*: www.mercuriados.org); an NGO that aims at banning Hg in products (firstly, in medical products, such as dental mercury amalgams). I am also the First Vice President of the *World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry* (<http://mercury-free-dentistry.blogspot.com>); a coalition of NGOs and scientists against the use of Hg in dentistry. Both organizations aim at banning dental mercury, and in the meantime of a global Hg ban, we also want that the patients' rights (adequate medical treatments, labour, social and economic support, etc.) of those that have been injured by the mercury of dental amalgams and/or other products containing Hg, are respected.

Both *MERCURIADOS* and the *World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry* fully support the Partnership's goal "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".

We trust that we can contribute to the Partnership by way of expertise and experience (some of us are patients and know other patients injured by Hg, and we do collaborate with scientists —some of them members of our organizations— that do research about the toxic effects of Hg in the environment and the health of persons and animals). Moreover, our position and collaboration with other patient NGOs, doctors, nurses, chemist, dentists, etc. facilitates networking with other organizations/agencies/individuals addressing mercury issues. In Spain, among other things, we made it possible that Health and Environmental Authorities in Catalonia recommend not to put amalgams in children and pregnant women (www.mercuriados.org/es/pag108), that in Catalonia crematoria use Hg filters, to forbid —in the public health system, because dentistry is essentially a private issue— placing dental amalgams in children (www.asquifyde.es/uploads/documentos/El%20mercurio%20en%20las%20amalgamas%20dentales.pdf), and that the *Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Químicos de España* (that represent all Chemists' Colleges in Spain) sent a letter to the Ministry of Health saying that dental mercury amalgams should not be used anymore, both for medical and environmental reasons, and because adequate alternative materials exist (www.mercuriados.org/es/pag718). We organise scientific conferences about Hg: www.mercuriados.org/es/pag1505

Therefore, I hope that you consider this formal requests to join the *UNEP Global Mercury Partnership*, and to contribute to the *Mercury in Products* partnership area.

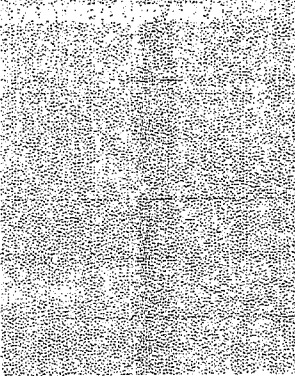
Please, see enclosed the *UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM*.

Thank you in advance.

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(President of *MERCURIADOS* association)

– www.mercuriados.org and First Vice President of the *World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry* - <http://mercury-free-dentistry.blogspot.com>).

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