

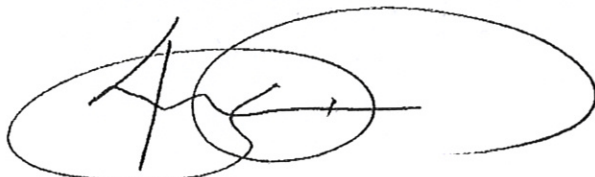
Mr. Per Bakken
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Dear Sir,

The Government of Mexico wishes to thank the Secretariat for its pertaining dedication, hard work and valuable contributions about mercury.

We wish register our commitment to attending a sustained partnership with the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership (GMP). We consider contributing to the GMP activities, in line with our budgetary rules and subject to available resources, as there are voluntary activities. In any case we intend to contribute "in kind" to the GMP, for example, in the area of the mercury in products and mercury waste management.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical line, all enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Socorro Flores
General Director for Global Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE MÉXICO



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La Misión Permanente de México ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra saluda muy atentamente a la Oficina del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente (PNUMA), División de Químicos, y tiene el honor de referirse a la Asociación Global del PNUMA sobre Mercurio.

Al respecto, la Misión Permanente solicita atentamente la incorporación de México a la Asociación de referencia, para lo cual se adjunta el formato de registro debidamente llenado y la carta firmada en nombre de la Directora General de Temas Globales de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores.

La Misión Permanente de México ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra aprovecha la oportunidad para reiterar a la Oficina del Programa de las Naciones Unidas, División de Químicos, para el Medio Ambiente las seguridades de su más atenta y distinguida consideración.

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GINEBRA, SUIZA

Ginebra, a 27 de agosto de 2010

**A la Oficina del
Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente,
División de Químicos,
G i n e b r a.**

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

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| Partnership Area | <p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management <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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| Type of Organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Regional economic integration organization <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific community <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

**Head, UNEP Chemicals Branch, DTIE
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CH-1219 Châtelaine - Geneva, Switzerland**

Support Letter How Your Organization Intends To Contribute To Each of The Indicated Partnership Areas.

Mercury in products

"An Assessment of Primary and Secondary Mercury Supplies in Mexico"

Support

The goal of the work covered by this study is to understand the quantities of mercury that potentially could be available to the global mercury market from either primary and secondary sources in Mexico. Any increase in mercury exports to the global market from CEC countries is being discouraged by its members. The study aims to understand the volume of reserves potentially available in Mexico and the quantities that would be both economically and technologically feasible to extract. This information will be helpful in determining the need for developing policies aimed at restricting mercury export from Mexico, especially after US and EU export bans which will enter in force on 2011 and 2013.

Mercury Waste Management in the Hospital Sector

End of life mercury management and disposal in hospitals

Description/ Rationale.

The purpose of this project is to complete an investigation of options for managing mercury removed from service, using the health care sector as a model.

Due to the success of hospital mercury reduction initiatives, several hospitals in Mexico have collected large quantities of mercury wastes. A group of stakeholders in Mexico has been meeting to discuss the adequate management of this waste since June 2009. It would support this initiative with a thorough analysis of short and medium-term options for management of mercury removed from service. We also hear from our colleagues in other countries in Latin America that they don't know what to do with these products so we think what we are doing will be useful to others in the region. Finally the options identified could be used to manage mercury product waste from other sectors.

This is a very important task because in Mexico we do not have any options for managing mercury from products. The project will be conducted within the framework of environmental cooperation that Mexico has with the United States and Canada and the results will be available in the coming months.