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Madam,

UNITAR has long been a supporter of and contributor to UNEP's Global Mercury Partnership. We have closely followed the process of UNEP's assessment of the risks of mercury to the global environment, the relevant decisions of your Governing Council (in particular Decision 25/5 of February, 2009 that mandates the negotiation of a legally binding instrument on mercury), and we also look forward to participating in the upcoming Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee process, commencing in Sweden next month.

In addition, we directly support the Global Mercury Partnership and its goal of protecting human health and the environment from the release of mercury and its compounds through a number of activities, including:

- As part of the Mercury in Products Partnership Area, supporting the use and revision of the UNEP *Toolkit for identification and quantification of mercury releases* and assisting countries with identifying and acting on mercury-related risk management priorities through a series of training and capacity building country projects in the Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin American/Caribbean regions funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
- As part of the Mercury Supply Partnership Area, initiating and, in a coordinated manner with UNEP and other partners, supporting the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic as they are undertaking a series of projects to address the cessation of new mercury supply from the world's last remaining exporting mercury mine, in Batken Oblast, Kyrgyzstan.

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Given UNITAR's in-depth support for this work to-date, and as a sign of our continuing commitment to the process, it is with great pleasure to inform you that UNITAR would like to formally join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

The relevant forms to ensure our formal commitment is registered are attached, below.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue our excellent cooperation with your organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Lopes'.

Carlos Lopes  
UN Assistant Secretary-General  
UNITAR Executive Director

# 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 checked="" 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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<b>Type of Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Government</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regional economic integration organization</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-government Organization</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific community</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: <u>IGO</u></li> </ul>

\* 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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