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Informing discussions on the need for global action in relation to lead and cadmium

Addendum

Study on the health and environmental effects of the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Asia and the Pacific

Note by the Executive Director

1. The Executive Director has the honour to provide a study on the health and environmental effects of the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Asia and the Pacific.
2. The study responds to the request by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in section II of its decision 25/5 to finalize the reviews of scientific information on lead and cadmium, taking into account the latest available information in line with decisions 24/3 of 9 February 2007 and 23/9 of 25 February 2005, and to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session with a view to informing discussions on the need for global action in relation to those two metals.
3. During a Latin American and the Caribbean regional meeting held in Lima from 30 November to 2 December 2010 to present the results of a similar study for the Latin American and Caribbean region, the meeting participants agreed to amend the title of that study. To ensure consistency, the secretariat has therefore amended the title of the Asian and Pacific study to read: “Analysis of trade flows and review of environmentally sound management practices for products containing mercury, lead and cadmium in Asia and the Pacific – Draft version January 2011”.
4. The study has been issued without formal editing and is available from www.unep.org/gc/gc26/info_docs.asp or www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances.

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