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Progress of the mercury supply and storage partnership area

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Note by the Secretariat

Individual partnership area evaluations have been prepared by the existing partnership areas (for January 2009 to May 2010) in response to Annex I Section 3.f.iv of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework.

The mercury supply and storage partnership area was initiated in April 2009 at the first Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group meeting. At that time, the Zero Mercury Working Group was identified as the interim lead for the partnership area. A government lead or co-lead continues to be sought for this partnership area. Governments in a position to lead or co-lead this partnership area are encouraged to identify themselves to UNEP.

Given the recent initiation of this partnership area, no formal evaluation report has been prepared for the Partnership Advisory Group. To review efforts in this area, please consult the proposed business plan included in Part vii of meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.2/3. The proposed business plan recognizes that mercury supply and trade are priority areas for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) deliberations to prepare a legally binding instrument on mercury. Accordingly, the proposed business plan targets activities which will provide input into the INC process, supports potential mechanisms in the instrument to reduce the global supply and trade of mercury by further reducing the global mercury supply in the short-term, and strives to achieve the intended results before the instrument becomes effective.

An update on activities related to mercury supply and the environmentally sound storage of mercury was provided as an information document to the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC 1), UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.1/INF/10. Progress related to supply and storage activities has been extracted from this information document and included in the overall partnership reporting prepared for the second meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group.