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Report of Mercury Waste Management Partnership Area

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Introduction

- Each Partnership Area will report biennially to UNEP in accordance with the UNEP reporting format.
- The report of the Mercury Waste Management Partnership Area has been submitted to the Secretariat of the Partnership Advisory Group Meeting.
- Your inputs will be reflected to Chair's summary of this meeting, which will be distributed at the Partnership Advisory Group Meeting to be held on 31 March - 2 April 2009.

Discussion Point: Timelines

- 1st Meeting in 2009 March
  - Sharing information
  - Discussion on significance of this area (strength and opportunity)
  - Discussion on management style e.g. necessity of face-to-face meeting
- 2nd Meeting in 2010
  - Clarifying of challenges of this area and discussion on how to address them (based on e.g. data, inventories and country case report)
- 3rd Meeting in 2011
  - Strategy development for future solution

Discussion Point: Indicators

- What would be appropriate indicators to measure progress of the Waste Management Partnership Area?
  - Possible indicators for the objective
    - Estimated amount of mercury diverted from waste stream by Partnership projects
    - Number of collection/recycling systems for used products containing mercury established
    - Ratio of waste incinerators/residue treatment facilities employing the techniques listed in the BAT/BEP guidance document in each country

Discussion Point: Indicators

- Possible indicators for the priority action a (environmentally sound collection, disposal and treatment techniques for mercury waste)
  - Completion of study on identification and characterization of mercury contained in waste streams
  - Contribution to the Basel Convention Technical Guidelines on the ESM of Mercury Waste
  - Number of national projects on ESM of mercury waste implemented

Discussion Point: Indicators

- Possible indicators for the priority action b (assess environmental impacts of current waste management practices and processes)
  - Number of countries that assessed their national situation and needs
- Possible indicators for the priority action c (promote awareness and education regarding mercury waste)
  - Number of countries conducted activities to promote awareness and education regarding mercury waste

Discussion Points

- What approach the Waste Management Partnership Area should take in the coming years (in considering the indicators of the progress)?
- How are we going to increase partners?
- Are there any points to be added to the report?