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Partnership Advisory Group, Ninth Meeting**
Geneva, Switzerland, 18 November 2018

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.

The ninth meeting of the UN Environment Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) will take place on Sunday, 18 November 2018, from 14:00 – 19:00 in the Geneva International Conference Centre (CIGC) in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be opened by the Global Mercury Partnership Secretariat to be followed by welcome remarks by the Minamata Convention Secretariat and the PAG Chair.

2. Organizational matters:

- Adoption of the agenda;

The PAG will adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/PAG 9.1 and may suggest other items for discussion.

- Organization of work.

The PAG will agree on suitable meeting hours for the meeting, subject to adjustments as necessary.

3. Updates on activities of a) the Global Mercury Partnership Secretariat, and b) the Minamata Secretariat and c) the GEF Secretariat on financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the Minamata Convention

One of the functions and responsibilities of the PAG is to report on activities within the Global Mercury Partnership. The secretariat has compiled this information in the progress report in UNEP/PAG 9.3. Due to limited time at this PAG meeting, Partnership area leads will be asked to dedicate a maximum of five minutes per partnership area to share brief highlights and plans with the group.

UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch, as secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership, has endeavoured to enhance the impact of the Partnership by facilitating communication between areas and with the broader stakeholder community. The secretariat has compiled this information in the progress report in UNEP/PAG 9.4.

Subject to their availability, the GEF Secretariat and the Minamata Secretariat will also provide brief updates on matters of interest to the PAG.

4. Optimizing the structure and organization of the Partnership to more effectively accomplish its objective

The PAG may wish to build on discussions from previous PAG meetings on ways to organize the work of the Partnership to encourage greater collaboration and better meet the needs for supporting the implementation of the Minamata Convention. To stimulate discussion, the Chair has prepared a thought-starter available as UNEP/PAG 9.5.

5. Identifying gaps and challenges, including the need for strengthening awareness-raising and communication

Partners may wish share challenges and propose solutions related to the need to communicate the work of the Partnership to a broad audience.

6. Other matters.

The PAG may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

7. Closure of meeting.

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 19:00 on Thursday, 18 November 2018.