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### **Letter of support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership**

To whom it may concern,

This letter of support is to express the commitment of the European Center for Environmental Medicine to join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

The European Center for Environmental Medicine is a non-profit consumer protection network engaged in the regulation of mercury-containing products (like dental amalgam) and the Human Biomonitoring of mercury exposures in patients with chronically diseases. Our headquarters is the Interessengemeinschaft für Umwelt-Zahnmedizin in Berlin, Germany. For years, we have been gathering information on the toxicity of dental amalgam fillings and the availability of alternatives. We monitor the impact of mercury from dental amalgam on the environment and the human body and observe successful international implementations of measures on efficiently reducing the use of dental amalgam. Furthermore, we collect information on patients' exposure to mercury, the access to environmental medical examinations and the education of medical professionals in exposure sciences.

Being a member of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership would clearly point out the commitment of the European Center for Environmental Medicine to environmental and health protection and intensify its networking with the scientific community in the field of mercury related research.

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# UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

## INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

[web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership](http://web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership)

### GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

### PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005<sup>1</sup>, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

Mercury cell chlor-alkali production

Mercury air transport and fate research

Mercury in products

Mercury releases from coal combustion

Mercury waste management

Mercury supply and storage

Mercury releases from the cement industry

### OUR PARTNERS

Over 190 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

### BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

### SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

Head, Chemicals and Health Branch  
Economy Division  
United Nations Environment Programme

Palais des Nations  
8-14 avenue de la Paix  
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland  
E-mail: [metals@un.org](mailto:metals@un.org)



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## PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Artisanal and small-scale gold mining   | Mercury releases from coal combustion     |
| Mercury cell chlor-alkali production    | Mercury waste management                  |
| Mercury air transport and fate research | Mercury supply and storage                |
| Mercury in products                     | Mercury releases from the cement industry |

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

## ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of  
Organization:

Type of  
Organization:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Government                     | Industry              |
| Intergovernmental Organization | Academia              |
| Non-governmental Organization  | Other, please specify |

Mailing  
Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

E-mail:

Telephone: Website:

## ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name: Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

\* 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 its 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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