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Our Ref: DTIE/PMB/Mercury

Date: 31 December 2009

Your Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee established by the Governing Council in decision 25/5 to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury, is scheduled from 7 to 11 June 2010 in Stockholm, Sweden, at the Scandic InfraCity Hotel. Facilities will be available for regional consultations on Sunday, 6 June 2010, if required.

Interpretation services and working documents for the session will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. However, in accordance with the prevailing practice, information documents may be available in English only. Information on arrangements for the session and documents will be posted on the website www.chem.unep.ch/mercury as they become available.

I have the honour to invite your Government to participate in this important meeting. It would be appreciated if you can send the name(s), title(s) and contact details of your representative(s) officially to the Head, Chemicals Branch, Mr. Per M. Bakken at your earliest convenience no later than 31 March 2010. The attached registration form should be completed for each participant and also submitted to:

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Details of the venue and other logistic information for the Session will be communicated separately to registered participants. Financial support may be available to support one participant from each developing country and country with economies in transition, with priority given to the participation of least developed countries. Kindly note that we cannot guarantee support for, and organization of, travel for participants nominated after 31 March 2010. Instructions on travel arrangements for funded participants will be issued upon registration and will be by the cheapest and most direct route.

To: All Governments through the official channels of communication of UNEP
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I would take this opportunity to inform you that UNEP has yet to secure sufficient funding for the ongoing mercury negotiations process and invite Governments who are in a position to do so to support this important work.

Accept, Your Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.

Original signed
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