



Mercury Programme
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RE : Governing Council Decision 23/9 IV– mobilization of resources in support of partnerships

In response to the letter of March 31, 2006, from the Head, Chemicals Branch, we are pleased to provide the following information.

With regards to Canada's participation in a funding partnership for the mercury programme, we would be pleased to participate. Please send any subsequent information about the funding partnership to the undersigned.

With regards to providing financial support to mercury partnership activities, Environment Canada and Foreign Affairs Canada were pleased to recently provide a total of \$125,000 CDN to the mercury programme to support, in part, the partnership work. In addition to these financial contributions to the mercury programme, Environment Canada has also provided financial support to specific partnership activities and Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Health Canada have provided in-kind support such as attendance at workshops and partnership meetings and technical advice to existing and developing partnerships. We anticipate maintaining this level of engagement in the months leading up to the 2007 Governing Council.

If there are any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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