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support of partnerships for mercury

Importance: High

Dear Sir, Madam,

With reference to UNEP's letter dated 31 March, on the Mobilization of resources
in support of partnerships for mercury I can inform you as follows.

The main focus of The Netherlands' attention in the field of mercury at this
moment in time is the implementation of the EU Strategy on mercury. EU law for
surplus mercury in the EU has to be negotiated and activities are undertaken to
restrict the marketing of certain measuring devices containing mercury, like
thermometers. The Netherlands is also actively contributing to the preparation
of EU law aimed at banning the export of mercury from the EU and storage
requirements for surplus mercury. The Netherlands has momentarily no intention
to develop a separate channel (from the EU) of new partnership activities in the
field of mercury.

I apologize for the late submission of this information. If further details on
the Dutch contribution to the implementation of Governing Council decision 23/9
are required, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will then pass on your
request to the experts concerned.

Kind regards,

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