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Answer to the letter from 20 May 2005 – establishment of
partnerships

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From: Mr. Constantin Mihailescu,
Minister

Dear Mr. John Buccini,

By hereby I am pleased to send you the identified priority partnership areas prepared in conformity with your letter dated from 20 May 2005 with subject "Governing Council decision 23/9 IV on the mercury programme: Establishment of partnerships as one approach to reducing the risks to human health and the environment from the release of mercury to the environment".

Annex: information of the Republic of Moldova concerning identified priority partnership areas on mercury.

Sincerely Yours,

Constantin MIHAILESCU
Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources

Annex

To: Mr. John Buccini
Director
UNEP Chemicals
August 30, 2005

Subject: Re: Governing Council Decision 23/9 IV on Mercury Programme – Establishment of partnerships.

Dear Mr. John Buccini,

We are writing you with regard to the letter of UNEP Chemicals dated from 20 May 2005, which contains outcomes of the 2005 Governing Council and invites countries, including developing countries and countries with economy in transition, to identify priority partnership areas related to Mercury.

The issues of heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium, lead and others have the high priority for the Government of the Republic of Moldova.

The Republic of Moldova considers this issue as one of the most important on national, regional and global level. In this context the importance of this issue the Republic of Moldova confirmed in our letter dated from 30 June 2004 as answer to UNEP letter dated from 23 February 2004 with subject “GC decision 22/4 V on mercury programme – follow-up in preparation for the 23rd session of the Governing Council, 21 to 25 February 2005”. Our views with regard to further measures related to mercury and other heavy metals, also, were described in the above-mentioned letter.

Also, we would like to inform you that problems of the NIS countries as well as their needs related to Mercury and its compounds were stated during the Regional Awareness Raising Workshop on Mercury Pollution, which was organized 20-23 July 2004 at Kiev, Ukraine, and in which participated the Republic of Moldova.

Referring to your letter concerning establishment of partnerships and with regard to reducing the demand and uses of mercury that impact human health and the environment the Republic of Moldova is presenting the following list of identified directions of activity for partnership:

- Mercury and its compounds in products.
- Mercury and its compounds - containing wastes
- Mercury and its compounds releases into environment.

In this context the identified priority partnership areas to reduce Mercury and its compounds emissions for the Republic of Moldova include:

- a) Capacity building on sustainable Mercury and its compounds management.

b) Development and strengthening of national research and monitoring laboratory capacity, including promotion of standard sampling and analysis procedures for the validation of inventories.

c) Development, implementation and enforcement of regulatory controls and incentives for the sound management of mercury and its compounds as well as of other HMs

d) Development and promotion of awareness-raising and information-dissemination programmes.

e) Identification and promotion of best available techniques and best environmental practices.

Training for decision makers, managers and personnel who are responsible for issues related to Mercury and its compounds management.

Yours sincerely,



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