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Dear Dr. Auer,

You may recall that I informed to you on August 30, 2005 that the matter regarding the partnership on mercury is under consideration in this Ministry. A decision has now been taken and we are happy to inform you that this Ministry would be interested in developing partnerships with USEPA/UNEP in the following areas pertaining to mercury:

1. Training in estimation of mercury in different components of environment (biotic and abiotic) including speciation of mercury.
2. Developing emission factors for mercury for different industries/sources.

We would appreciate your early response in this regard.

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> Dear Dr. Pandey,  
> We met at the Portland workshop earlier this year. As you know,  
> at the twenty-third session of the United Nations Environment Program  
> (UNEP) Governing Council in February 2005, Governments agreed to the  
> development and implementation of partnerships as one approach to  
> reducing the risks to human health and the environment from the  
> release of mercury and its compounds to the environment. The  
> Governing Council Decision invited the identification of pilot  
> partnerships by September 1, 2005.

> The United States is currently preparing a mercury submission  
> outlining our interest in five areas: chlor-alkali, coal combustion,  
> artisanal gold mining, products, and fate and transport research. We  
> expect the U. S. submission to be posted on the UNEP website shortly.  
> We encourage your country to present its views on priority mercury  
> partnership areas to UNEP. We look forward to working with you and  
> other stakeholders around the globe to collaborate on areas of mutual  
> interest.

> Sincerely yours,

> Charlie

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