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**Subject:- Governing Council decision 23/9 IV on the mercury programme:
Status report on implementation of mercury partnerships.**

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your letter dated 1st July, 2006 on the above cited subject addressed to the Chief, United Nations and Conference Division, Ministry of External Affairs, c/o The Permanent Representative of India to UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya which was received here through proper channel. Regarding the status on implementation of mercury partnerships, the Indian position is stated below:

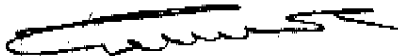
In consonance with the UNEP Governing Council decision 23/9 IV on the mercury programme, UNEP was encouraging to develop partnerships on mercury. We had initially sent a proposal to USEPA under intimation to UNEP on 14th September, 2005 for developing partnership with them in the following areas:-

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.

Unfortunately, USEPA have declined from the proposed partnership by way of direct funding. However, USEPA have indicated to provide logistical support to organize the proposed training in USA. Thereafter, we have sent the proposal for overseas training on above two areas to UNEP on June 23, 2006 on the prescribed format for the consideration of UNEP. Response of UNEP is awaited in this regard.

We would appreciate an early decision of UNEP on our above proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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