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Dear Sir,

*Dear Per,*

The German Environment Ministry follows closely the work of UNEP Chemicals on mercury over the last years and herewith wishes to thank the Secretariat for its pertaining dedication, hard work and valuable contributions.

We are satisfied with the constructive outcome of the UNEP GC25 that lays a well founded and balanced ground for the upcoming negotiations on mercury. Against that background, we regard short term measures in support of the Global Mercury Partnership (GMP) as an additional asset.

We, therefore, consider contributing to the GMP activities, in line with our budgetary rules and subject to available resources, as these are voluntary activities. In any case, we intend to contribute 'in kind' to the GMP, for example, in the area of the Waste Management Partnership and challenges deriving in the context of temporary storage and safe storage solutions. You may recall that at the occasion of the recent Mercury Storage and Waste workshops in Bangkok and Tokyo, delegations showed a considerable interest in existing German storage solutions and our technological experience. Against that background, we are pleased to announce that a German expert will also be present at the related Mercury





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Storage Workshop for Latin America, planned for end of April in Montevideo (Uruguay).

Our engagement in the partnership process is also an expression of our concern to follow up rapidly on the UNEP GC-25/5 decision on chemicals stipulating that, in addition to the elaboration of a multilateral environmental agreement, interim activities on mercury are needed.

Yours sincerely,

  
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