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Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting on the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership to be held from 1 to 3 April 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the offices of the World Meteorological Organization will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 April 2008.

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The meeting participants may wish to elect a chair and a rapporteur.

Item 3: Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The meeting participants may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/Partnership.1/1.

(b) Organization of work

4. The meeting participants may wish to agree on suitable meeting hours, subject to adjustments as necessary.

Item 4: Development of an overarching framework for the United Nations Environment Programme Global Mercury Partnership

5. Paragraph 27 of Governing Council decision 24/3 requests the Executive Director of UNEP, working in consultation with Governments and other stakeholders, to strengthen the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership by developing an overarching framework for the Partnership, including the development of business plans, the identification of partnership goals and the development of operational guidelines.

6. Document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/Partnership.1/2 contains a draft overarching framework for consideration by the meeting participants. An earlier version of the document was previously made available for comment as document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.1/INF/8 in connection with the first meeting of the Ad-hoc Open-ended Working Group on Mercury. The current version reflects input received both before and after that meeting.

7. The meeting participants may wish to consider and endorse the draft overarching framework, the structure of business plans and the ambitiousness and relevance of the proposed goal and forward the framework to the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fifth session.

Item 5: Status of current and emerging partnership areas

8. Draft business plans for the five existing partnership areas have been prepared by the partnerships. They are available for information and further discussion as documents UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/Partnership-1/INF/1 to INF/5.

9. Paragraph 27 of Governing Council decision 24/3 requests the Executive Director to strengthen the Global Mercury Partnership by expanding the number and scope of partnerships to include new, growing or related sectors such as vinyl chloride monomer production, non-ferrous metals mining and cement production and waste combustion. In developing the overarching framework, consideration has been given to possible ways of addressing those sectors. A discussion document on this topic has been prepared (UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/Partnership.1/3).

10. The meeting participants may wish to discuss the existing business plans and provide input on the proposals for the emerging partnership areas.

Item 6: Other matters

11. The meeting participants may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

Item 7: Adoption of the Report

12. At its final session, the meeting participants will be invited to consider and to adopt their decisions and the report of the meeting prepared by the Rapporteur

Item 8: Closure of the meeting

13. It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 3 April 2008.
