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Subject: Call for submissions of available sources of information on the global levels of emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds from the open burning of waste

Dear Sir or Madam,

The fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC5) requested UNEP, in connection with its global mercury assessment, to gather sufficient information to support decision making on the issue of open burning of waste and the mercury and mercury compounds released from such activities and to report on its efforts in that regard to the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting.

Based on the above request, you are kindly invited to submit information that is relevant to the calculation or estimation of mercury emissions and releases from the open burning of waste, including quantities of waste generated annually, the proportion of waste subjected to open burning and the average mercury content of waste. In relation to this request, a fact sheet outlining the current state of the knowledge on this issue is attached to this letter.

In order to facilitate the preparation of the required analysis and meeting documents, the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury would appreciate receiving any submission no later than Friday, 9 December 2016. The information should be submitted to:

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We look forward to receiving your submissions on this matter, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the work on the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: Summary of the current knowledge on the global levels of emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds from the open burning of waste

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