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Excellency,

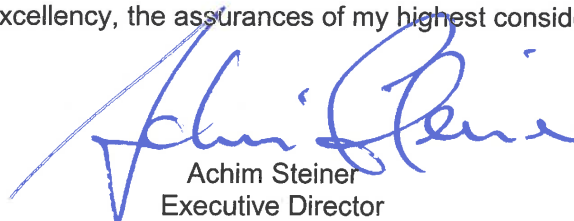
I have the honour to circulate herewith a joint letter by the Governments of Japan, Switzerland, the United States of America and Uruguay inviting all Member States of the United Nations to attend a Special High-Level Event, "*The Minamata Convention on Mercury: Promoting environmental protection through early entry into force and effective implementation*". This event is scheduled to be held on Thursday 24 September 2015, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on the margins of the seventieth session of the UN General Assembly opening on 15 September 2015 and on the eve of the UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda starting on 25 September 2015.

I wish to encourage wide participation of Member States in this Special High-Level Event and, where applicable, deposit the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Minamata Convention on this occasion.

As noted in the above-mentioned joint letter, the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury have been requested to inform Governments about this Special High-Level Event and make practical arrangements.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation, including, where relevant, information on whether your Government will deposit its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession during this Special High-Level Event to treaty@unep.org and mercury.chemicals@unep.org at your earliest convenience.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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To: All Member States of the United Nations
For the attention of Ministers responsible for matters concerning the Minamata Convention on Mercury

All Permanent Missions of Member States at Nairobi, New York and Geneva

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