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Second meeting

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Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Provisional annotated agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Mercury, to be held from 6 to 10 October 2008 at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 6 October 2008.
2. Opening statements will be made by:
 - (a) A representative of the Government of Kenya as host of the meeting;
 - (b) A representative of UNEP.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. Subject to the rules of procedure, the Working Group may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/1.

(b) Organization of work

4. The Working Group may wish to decide that it should meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.
5. The Working Group may wish to establish such contact groups as it may deem necessary and to specify their mandates.

* UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/1

Item 3: Review and assessment of options for enhanced voluntary measures and new or existing international legal instruments

6. The Chair, in consultation with the secretariat, has developed a scenario note to assist in preparing for and structuring discussions at the second meeting. The scenario note is available as document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/2.

7. At its first meeting, the Working Group requested the secretariat to undertake intersessional work in a number of areas in preparation for its second meeting. Reports and other information on that work are available as documents UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/3, UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/4, UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/5, UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/6, UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/7, UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/10, UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/11 and UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/12. These documents provide background information for the discussion and assessment of options.

8. In addition to these reports, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair and the Bureau, has prepared a document setting out the possible elements that may need to be considered in addressing the global challenges posed by mercury. The Working Group may wish to use these elements as a starting point for its discussions, drawing on information made available as a result of intersessional work.

9. In addition, a number of information documents, including the draft report on atmospheric emissions of mercury requested by the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session (UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/INF/1) and submissions from regional groups on their respective positions, are available to the Working Group.

Item 4: Report on activities under the UNEP mercury programme

10. Reports on progress in strengthening the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and on activities conducted under the partnership programme are available as documents UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/9 and UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/OEWG.2/INF/2, respectively. The Working Group may wish to note the information presented in these documents.

Item 5: Other matters

11. The Working Group may wish to consider other matters raised during the meeting.

Item 6: Adoption of the report

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

Item 7: Closure of the meeting

13. It is expected that the Working Group will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 October 2008.
