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Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 2 July 2014, I have the honour to circulate herewith a joint letter of the Governments of Japan, Switzerland, United States of America and Uruguay inviting all Member States of the United Nations to attend a High-level Special Event, "The Minamata Convention on Mercury: Towards its early entry into force and effective implementation". This event is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 24 September 2014, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in the margins of the opening of the sixty-ninth General Assembly on the day after the United Nations Climate Summit in New York.

I wish to encourage wide participation of Member States in this High-level Special Event and, where applicable, sign the Minamata Convention on Mercury or deposit the instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval during that Special Event.

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 High-level Special Event and make practical arrangements.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation, including, where relevant, information of whether your Government will sign the Convention or deposit its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval during this High-level Special 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

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