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Dear Madam/ Sir,

I have the following comments on:

Arrangements for providing the Conference of the Parties with comparable monitoring data, and elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework under Article 22.

The document did not show the TORs of the Adhoc Experts Committee hence the comment may be misplaced. If not, here are the comments:

1. The report does not mention anything on monitoring mercury in products and elemental mercury in trade etc,
2. It is important that issues relating to free sharing of data be mentioned eg access, disclaimers, costs, confidentiality etc. This will help remove bottlenecks.
3. Data on import and exports through the borders that is available at the Customs.
4. Social-economic status of a sample group as relates to concentration in human. Usually ASGM groups have no choice because their exposure is related to their livelihood hence alternatives should consider this aspect.
5. The report should attempt to find out the presence or absence of National legislations in regions with gaps on data availability that could be a factor that enhances or makes it not necessary to undertake mercury monitoring in the environment.

Kind regards

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