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Possible tool for tracking the progress of the intergovernmental negotiating committee in developing provisions of the global legally binding instrument on mercury

Note by the secretariat

1. At the meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group to prepare for the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury, held in Bangkok from 19 to 23 October 2009, a proposal was made by delegates from the Latin American and Caribbean region for a matrix to be used to track the progress of the intergovernmental negotiating committee in developing provisions of the global legally binding instrument on mercury. The working group accordingly requested the secretariat to prepare for the committee's consideration a possible tool, structured in accordance with the provisions of Governing Council decision 25/5, for tracking the committee's progress in developing provisions of the mercury instrument relating to obligations, compliance and commitments related to financial and technical assistance and capacity-building for developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition. In response to the committee's request the secretariat has prepared the matrix set out in the annex to the present note.

2. Should the committee find the matrix to be useful, it may wish to request the secretariat to complete and update it near the end of each session of the committee.

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Annex

Potential commitments and means of implementing measures to be adopted under a legally binding instrument on mercury

Provisions listed in decision 25/5, paragraph 27	Legally binding obligations agreed to by the committee	Compliance indicator	Means of implementing legally binding obligations			
			Implementation measure	Incremental cost of implementing the measure	Commitments for financial support, capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer required to implement the measure based on needs of countries	Potential mechanisms for providing financial resources
1. To reduce the supply of mercury and enhance the capacity for its environ-mentally sound storage						
2. To reduce the demand for mercury in products and processes						
3. To reduce international trade in mercury						
4. To reduce atmospheric emissions of mercury						
5. To address mercury-containing waste and remediation of contaminated sites						
6. To increase knowledge through awareness-raising and scientific information exchange						
7. To specify arrangements for capacity-building and technical and financial assistance						
8. To address compliance						