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**Preparation of a global legally binding instrument  
on mercury**

**Information submitted by parties on financial resources and  
technical and implementation assistance**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. At the third session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury, it was agreed that the co-chairs of the contact group on financial resources and technical and implementation assistance, with the support of the secretariat, would prepare a proposal for articles 15 and 16 of the draft legally binding instrument (on financial resources and technical and implementation assistance) consisting of a conceptual approach followed by possible text. It was also agreed that the proposal would take into account the views expressed by parties at that session and any views submitted in writing to the secretariat by 31 December 2011. In submitting their views parties were encouraged to focus on new approaches.<sup>1</sup>
2. The following parties have submitted their views in accordance with the above: Algeria, Canada, China, Colombia, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America and the European Union.
3. The full submissions of these parties are available on the secretariat website<sup>2</sup> and will also be made available informally at the committee's fourth session. The proposal of the contact group co-chairs on articles 15 and 16 will be made available to the committee in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.4/4.

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\* UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.4/1.

1 UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.3/8, para. 207.

2 <http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/Mercury/Negotiations/INC4/Intersessionalworkonarticles15and16/tabid/79217/Default.aspx>.