Session 1: Supply and Storage

Timing: Tuesday 20 October 2009 during OEWG plenary (approximately 11.30 – 13.00)

The main objectives include:

i) Provide an overview of the issue and what is possible in moving forward.

ii) Inform the donor community of the status of the Kyrgyzstan primary mining project and the regional storage projects in Asia and Latin America.

Proposed Programme

Topics	**Time**	**Presenter**
Introduction		
Overview of Supply and Storage • Summary of Trade Flow • Overview of existing legislative export bans, including storage options	15 minutes	Peter Maxson, UNEP Consultant
Supply • Kyrgyzstan Primary Mercury Mining Project – Challenges and Opportunities.	10 minutes	To be identified, Government of Kyrgyzstan
Storage • Regional storage approach, including updates on regional storage projects (Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean) • New partnership area on mercury supply and storage	15 minutes	Michael Bender, Zero Mercury Working Group
Discussion	40 minutes	Led by OEWG chair
Wrap-up	5 minutes	

Session 2: Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining

Timing: Wednesday 21 October 2009 during OEWG plenary (approximately 11.30 – 13.00)

The main objectives include:

i) Foster strategic actions for this sector, moving towards less mercury.
ii) Provide an overview of the National Strategic Planning Projects.
iii) Inform the donor community of possible entry points for action and interventions to date.

Proposed Programme

Topics	**Time**	**Presenter**
Introduction		
Overview of the Issue of ASGM - Magnitude of the problem - Market based approaches - Policy needs at the national level, regulatory options, and opportunities within a treaty.	20 minutes	Kevin Telmer, Artisanal Gold Council
National Strategic Planning Projects	10 minutes	Elvira Pausing, Government of the Philippines
Moving Forward/Partnership	10 minutes	Partnership area leads - Susan Keane, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) / Ludovic Bernadat, UNIDO
Discussion	40-45 minutes	Led by OEWG chair
Wrap-up	5 minutes	

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Session 3: Products / Processes / Waste

Timing: Thursday 22 October 2009 during OEWG plenary (approximately 11.30 – 13.00)

The main objective is to indicate the alternatives to mercury and how to implement them:

i) Products: Alternatives and example product legislation
ii) Processes: Example, phase out of chlor alkali sector in India
iii) Waste: What is the waste issue?

Proposed Programme

Topics	**Time**	**Presenter**
Introduction		
i) Products - Overview of product areas - Overview of existing alternatives and product legislation, in particular: • fever thermometers • switches • batteries	20 minutes	David Lennett Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
ii) Processes - Chlor Alkali Phase Out in India	10 minutes	Dr. Pandey, Government of India
iii) Waste - What is the waste issue? - Overview and status of the Basel Waste Guidelines for mercury, pilot projects.	10 minutes	Ibrahim Shafii Basel Convention Secretariat
Discussion	40-45 minutes	Led by OEWG chair
Wrap-up	5 minutes	