1. References to key information resources relating to mercury, such as national reviews or assessments, scientific publications or other material wich has been considered in taking action on mercury;

Some information relating to mercury in Serbia can be found in:

- "The Kosovo Conflict Consequences for the Environment and Human Settlements" issued by UNEP and UNCHS (http://www.unep.org/conflictsanddisasters/UNEPintheRegions/PastProgrammes/KosovoConflict/tabid/520/language/en-US/Default.aspx);
- "Environmental Performance Review - Yugoslavia";
- "Environmental Performance Report for 2003 and2004";
- "Environmental Performance Report 2005";
- EMEP Status Report 2/2009: http://www.msceast.org/countries/Serbia/index.html;
- Emission of particulate matters and heavy metals from cement kilns – case study: co-incineration of tires in Serbia – which will be published in next "Chemical Industry & Chemical Engineering Quarterly";
- Journal of Environment Protection and Ecology 2, No 4, 874-881 (2001) – Mobility of heavy metals originating from bombing of industrial sites in Serbia.

2. Descriptions of assessment tools which have proved useful in taking risk management decisions relating to mercury or in assessing the mercury challenges faced nationally;

No available data.

3. Details of national or regional actions taken to control mercury, such as legislative or regulatory action either directly on mercury or designed to control industries which use mercury in products or processes, industry initiatives awareness raising campaigns or other actions relevant to the upcoming negotiations for a global legally binding instrument on mercury;

Since the mercury issue is one of the global issues, Serbia took over some steps to deal with this problem:

- In May 2009 the new Law on Chemical harmonized with the EU legislation was adopted. This Law takes over the Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). Annex XVII contains restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, preparations and articles. Among others placing on the market and use of mercury and its compounds is comprised by this Annex.
- In addition, in the Law on Waste Management, also adopted in May 2009, management of the waste containing mercury is stipulated especially within Articles dealing with management of used batteries (Article 47), management of the waste

arising from electric and electronic products (Article 50) and management of waste florescent pipes containing mercury (Article 51). This Law shall take the measures necessary for construction of the regional facilities for separate collection, treatment and disposal of the medical waste which among other pollutants also contains the mercury.

- One of the steps taken over by Republic of Serbia is Project - Implementation and ratification of Protocol on heavy metals, Protocol on persistent organic pollutants and Gothenburg Protocol - Balkans project signed between Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of Republic of Serbia and United Nations Ecomomic Commision for Europe (UNECE)

- However there is no strategy for mercury cell chlor–alkali production in Serbia at the moment.

- Regarding the public awareness rising Center for Developing Ecological Awareness "The Well" (http://www.well.org.rs/indexEN.htm) prepared the brochure called “Mercury in Every Day Life”. This brochure contains the data on equipment and articles which contain or might contain mercury. Besides that, brochure contains basic data on hazards which mercury represents to human health and environment.

4. Summaries of national assessments of the costs of inaction on mercury, including in relation to environmental and health effect.

No available data.

5. Data on mercury releases to water bodies and the health effects of such releases;

Available data on mercury releases to water bodies and health effects of such releases:

- Secretariat for Environmental protection and sustainable development of Autonomy Province of Vojvodina conducted the research on surface water quality in Autonomy Province of Vojvodina. Data could be found at ttp://www.eko.vojvodina.gov.rs/files/file/monitoring/voda/2004/voda.pdf , but available only in Serbian.