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**GLOBAL MERCURY ASSESSMENT**

**Note by the Executive Director**

Annexed to the present note is the report on global mercury assessment produced within the framework of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound management of Chemicals. The report is reproduced without formal editing.

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