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**Informing discussions on the need for global action in relation
to lead and cadmium**

Addendum

**Study on the health and environmental effects of the movement
of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Latin
America and the Caribbean**

Note by the Executive Director

1. The Executive Director has the honour to provide a study on the health and environmental effects of the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. The study has been produced in response to the request by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in section II of its decision 25/5 to finalize the reviews of scientific information on lead and cadmium, taking into account the latest available information in line with decisions 24/3 of 9 February 2007 and 23/9 of 25 February 2005, and to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session with a view to informing discussions on the need for global action in relation to those two metals.
3. During a Latin American and Caribbean regional meeting held in Lima from 30 November to 2 December 2010 to present the results of the study, the meeting participants agreed that the title of the study should be amended to read: “Analysis of the flow of trade and review of environmentally sound management practices for products containing mercury, lead and cadmium in Latin America and the Caribbean”. The study has been renamed accordingly.
4. The study has been issued without formal editing and is available in English and Spanish from www.unep.org/gc/gc26/info_docs.asp or www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances.

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