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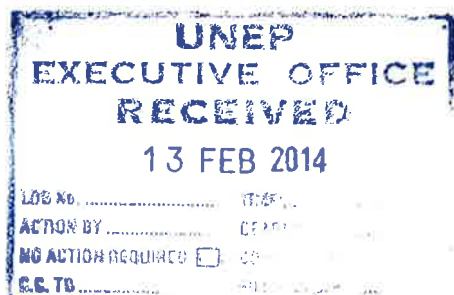
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) presents its compliments to the UNEP and has the honor to transmit a letter dated 27 January 2013 from Mr. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Director, Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment of Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) of the Philippines addressed to Mr. Timothy J. Kasten, Head, Chemicals Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of UNEP.

The letter is in response to UNEP's letter dated 04 November 2013 regarding the Minamata Convention on Mercury and information on the Philippines' projects, techniques and practices on the reduction of mercury emissions in the country.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to UNEP the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Dear **Mr. Kasten**:

This refers to your 04 November 2013 letter regarding the preparation for the work of the expert group to develop guidance called for in Article 8 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and request for submission of information relevant to best available techniques and on best environmental practices which could be applied for the reduction of emissions and technical information on possible criteria used to identify the sources covered within a source category listed in Annex D.

Please be informed that the projects on mercury that this Office has implemented so far are on the formulation of national action plans for mercury in Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) and mercury-containing wastes. Although we have an ongoing UNIDO-GEF Project on the Demonstration of BAT and BEP in fossil fuel-fired utilities and industrial boilers in response to the Stockholm Convention on POPs, the project's focus is on the reduction of unintentionally produced POPs (dioxins and furans).

Very truly yours,


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