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With reference to the call for comments issued on behalf of the co-chairs of the group of technical experts on air emissions under the Minamata Convention on Mercury, please find below comments of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the Guidance on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices to Control Mercury Emissions from Coal-fired Power Plants and Coal-fired Industrial Boilers:

- 1- The above guidance scientifically is useful though it is not applicable as a manual guidance. Therefore, it is recommended to prepare a manual guidance based on the current guidance.
- 2- The environment surrounding coal-fired power plants and the effects of emitted gases and components on it, has not been taken into consideration.
- 3- Different techniques in terms of mercury control and reduction has been introduced, though the applicability of those techniques particularly for developing countries, in terms of financing and availability of technology has not been mentioned.
- 4- There is no mention of maintenance of hardware and software equipments and technologies for pollution reduction in coal-fired power plants.
- 5- Selection of certain relevant international and regional institutions with the ability of providing equipment and training on reducing air pollution and

mercury control is necessary. The mandate of such institutions would be to facilitate technology transfer to the developing countries.

- 6- *On the case studies document, there is no case study on mercury control and reduction in coal-fired power plants. In this regard, it is recommended to compile the available information and make them available for all countries.*

Remaining at your disposal for any further information or clarification, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Interim Secretariat, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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