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Mr. Achim Halpaap
Head
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Dear Mr. Halpaap:

During my recent participation at the ICCA/UNEP Sustainable Chemical's meeting in Shanghai, China, I was invited to participate in the Chemicals in Products (CiP) programme.

After 8 years working as partner in the Global Mercury Partnership's mercury waste management area and since 2016's PAG7 meeting in Dead Sea, Jordan as Program Advisor, I will like to submit my intention letter to become part of the CiP programme.

We had achieved several goals since we started our Zero Mercury Mission in Panama, among others:

1. Collected 90 thousand fluorescent lamps, pretreated them in a ESM and disposed them following the Guideline for mercury waste ES disposal of the Minamata Convention.
2. Collected and ES disposed of 8.7 kgs of elemental mercury.
3. Collected and ES disposed of 30 tons of dry and rechargeable batteries.
4. Diverted and disposed in ESM of 13.5 tons of mercury containing waste.
5. Promoted protection actions to as many as 500 employees at 65 companies in Panama, as well in the rest of central and south America countries, via our blog. www.mercuriocero.blogspot.com
6. Create national awareness on mercury and mercury waste management.
7. Become national benchmark for ESM of mercury containing waste, especially electric waste.
8. Won the 2013 National Clean Production Award for best media campaign.

We'll like to share our experiences as well as our commitment to this new Chemicals in Products Program to reduce the impact of chemicals in humans and ecosystems around the world.

All my best,

Jorge G Conte Burrell
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