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Joshua Karliner, Health Care Without Harm
WHO/HCWH Mercury-Free Health Care Initiative
c/o Salud sin Daño/HCWH International Coordination
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Via Email

Dear Mssrs. Chartier and Karliner,

Thank you for the invitation to join the Mercury-Free Health Care Initiative, co-led by World Health Organization and Health Care Without Harm.

We understand that this global initiative aims to achieve virtual elimination of mercury-based thermometers and sphygmomanometers over the next decade and their substitution with accurate, economically viable alternatives.

We also understand that this initiative is a component of the UN Environment Programme's Mercury Products Partnership, which is led by the US Environmental Protection Agency. As such, this health care initiative is contributing to a broader effort to promote environmental health by reducing the amount of mercury emitted into the global environment.

Our institution, CAATA has been involved since 2007 in substituting mercury-based medical devices. We are the focal point of Health Care Without Harm in Mexico and had conducted a pilot project in two National Health Institutes for mercury substitution and co-organize a International Conference in June 2008 on mercury substitution attended by more then 50 Hospitals

I write you today to accept your invitation and express our willingness to join the effort.

As part of the Mercury-Free Health Care Initiative we will continue our work by promoting mercury substitution in Mexico in the health sector in coordination with HCWH and specially a federal free mercury purchase policy at Federal Level.

We look forward to collaborating with you in this most important endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Fernando Bejarano G', enclosed in a rectangular box.

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