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**PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT
THE MANAGEMENT OF PERSISTENT TOXIC SUBSTANCES
IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE**

Project

SUPPORTING TRADE-RELATED CAPACITY BUILDING IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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1.	Do you believe that your country would benefit of participating to the creation and update of a regional database for the management of Persistent Toxic Substances (PTS)?
2.	What are the main activities of the agencies that are primarily responsible for the management of PTS? Does any articulation among agencies and programs, projects etc. exist in your country? Is there any exchange of information among ministries, agencies, institutions, academia, private sector and NGOs? If the answer is yes, what is the usual way to exchange information? (Web-sites; on line data-bank; hard-copies, etc.). Is there any exchange with other countries in the sub-region (Caribbean Common Market)? Please, describe the situation.
3.	Do you believe that the situation of PTS in your country has changed since the publication of its National Profile/NIP? How much and in what aspects has it changed?

4. Which of the intentionally produced Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are not currently prohibited for all uses in your country? Has your country identified specific issues concerning the management of POPs wastes?
5. Has your country done an inventory of sites contaminated by hazardous chemicals? If the answer is no, is there interest to carry it out? Are there any plans or ongoing initiatives?
6. Has your country done an inventory of obsolete pesticides stockpiles? If the answer is no, is there interest to carry it out? Are there any plans or ongoing initiatives?

7. Please list in numerical order the following activities according to your country priorities:

#.... PCB Inventory

....Inventory of sites contaminated by PTS

#....Inventory of obsolete pesticide stockpiles

#.....Measures to prevent mercury contamination

#.....Regional information for the sound management of the PTS: data, best available practices examples, etc.

#..... Inventory of POPs, including PCB inventory

Please add in numerical order any other priority activities for your country not reported in the list above.

8. Please list any actions, which have been adopted or planned in your country, related to PCB.

9. Is there any strategy for capacity-building and information divulgation in your country for the understanding and reduction of and human health and environment risk related to exposition to PTS?

10. Which actions do you think would be important to implement at regional level for the sound management of hazardous chemicals?

11. Please inform about possible political and institutional problems and/or conflicts (both for governmental and private sectors) related to the production/importation/exportation and use of PTS.
12. Do you have any further comments about the management of PTS in your country?
13. Has any new law, regulation or technical standard regarding the implementation of the Stockholm Convention been adopted since the Convention came into force for your country?
14. Describe at least three priority actions (or best available practices) carried out in your country, related with the hazardous chemicals management.
15. What are the strengths and the weaknesses of your country for the PTS management?

16. Please list any domestic law and regulation that applies to mercury, lead or cadmium, and/or national policies and programs to address heavy metal contamination.