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To the attention of the Permanent Representative

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), New York Office (NYO) in collaboration with the Office for Legal Affairs (OLA), is organizing a Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice. The course will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8-9 April 2014 in Conference Room C (NLB), United Nations Headquarters, New York.

The workshop on international treaty law has taken place for more than a decade. We continue this workshop series at the United Nations because treaties play a fundamental role in international relations and have assumed a clear prominence as the primary source of law-making on the international relations. Further, countries face new challenges in participating in multilateral treaties, particularly in the area of signature, ratification, accession and domestic implementation of treaty rights and obligations. To this end, this workshop aims *inter alia* to bridge the gap between the growing need for global cooperation and the lack of expertise in providing legal effect to such cooperation. In fact, this seminar will have a special focus on Minamata Convention on Mercury. Please find attached a detailed information note.

Should you wish to nominate members of your Mission to attend the above-mentioned course, kindly invite them to register online at <http://www.unitar.org/event/new-york> by Friday, 4 April.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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