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Subject: **Request to be considered a Partner in the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint**

To Whom it May Concern,

1. The Ministry of the Environment of Brazil requests to be considered a Partner of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and endorses its goal and objectives. We would like to support the work of the Global Alliance as follows.

2. The Government of Brazil, through its Ministry of the Environment, has made several efforts to control and restrict the use of lead in paints. In order to achieve concrete results on this matter, the National Commission on Chemical Safety (CONASQ) set in place a "Lead in Paints Working Group" in 2016.

3. This Working Group has been discussing since September 2016 strategies to improve law enforcement on the use of lead in paints and how to update the corresponding national legislation.

4. Current activities of the Working Group include:

(a) drafting of a regulatory decree for Law 11.762/2008, which defines the maximum limitation for the use of lead in paints;

(b) evaluation and proposed improvements to the above-mentioned Law, regarding: a) reduction to the limits of lead (from 600 ppm to 90 ppm) in exterior paints and paints in environments and products to which children may be exposed; b) inclusion of categories of paints which are currently not considered, e.g. for use in industrial and agricultural equipments, metallic structures used for agriculture, commerce and industry, anticorrosive treatment having paint at its basis, traffic and security signaling, motor vehicles, airplanes, vessels, railway wagons, graphic paints, household appliances and metallic furniture, paints and similar materials for exclusive artistic use; c) pertinence of including new non-listed categories to the Law;

(c) report on the setting of regulations suggested by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro) with the objective of establishing and evaluating a methodology for agents and products from the exterior paintings' chain, similar materials and paints in environments and products to which children may be exposed; specific rules for compulsory certification of such agents and products in Brazil and inspection protocols, including the control of importation for formulations and finalized products;

(d) evaluation of the scope and characteristics of the sector programme for quality coordinated by the Brazilian Paint Manufacturers Association (Abrafati) and of its work programme, as well as monitoring of its implementation on contents of lead, especially whilst the regulatory decree does not come into force.

5. The Brazilian "Lead in Paints Working Group" is composed in a multi-stakeholder approach, with representatives from government, industry, NGOs and academia. It has already met five times and is coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment. Its results have so far been positive, with representatives from both the industry and NGOs expressing their agreement to the proposed new limit (of 90 ppm).

6. We understand that the name of the Ministry of the Environment of Brazil will be listed as a partner of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint on the web site www.unep.org/noleadinpaint together with a copy of this letter of intent, which is not legally binding.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of the Environment of Brazil



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