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Subject: Expression of interest to become partner in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Mr. Per Bakken,

I would like to inform you that the National Environmental Agency (NEA) is a legal entity of public law under the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia. The NEA provides wide range of activities in the field of hydrometeorology, climatology, geology and environmental pollution monitoring.

The main objectives of NEA concerning environmental pollution are as follows:

- Identification of pollution levels caused by anthropogenic factors;
- Ensure of regular monitoring over background pollution of air, surface water, precipitation and soil by means of observation points or field expeditions in the countrywide, including the Black Sea coastal zone;
- Carry out laboratory analysis (chemical, including heavy metals and microbiological) on environmental samples;
- Preparation of the data (yearbooks, bulletins etc.), including information concerning the state of environment pollution, and its dissemination to public authorities and other stakeholders.

The NEA has well-equipped branch laboratories throughout the country for chemical, microbiological and hydrobiological studies. The staff has long-term experience and is highly qualified. Moreover, the NEA participates in national, regional and global initiatives (projects, programmes) with regard to environmental planning, pollution control and monitoring.

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership gives an opportunity to share and contribute with knowledge, experience and data for improvement the global understanding of the mercury transport and trends at global level.

Therefore, I would like to express the NEA's interest in joining the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

We are looking forward to successful partnership activities.

Sincerely yours,

Shalva Javakhadze Head of the NEA

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:
	X artisanal and small scale gold mining
	mercury cell chlor alkali production
	X mercury air transport and fate research
	☐ mercury in products
	☐ mercury releases from coal combustion
	X mercury waste management
	Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.
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	☐ Regional economic integration organization
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	☐ Scientific community
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