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UNEP Global Mercury Partnership – Indication of Interest

I am pleased to convey to you the support of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and its commitment to achieving the goal of the Partnership through the contribution of in-kind resources and expertise as available within the country.

2. The relevant areas of partnership that Nigeria is interested in joining are as highlighted below:

- Mercury in products,
- Mercury in artisanal and small scale gold mining,
- Mercury releases from coal/carbon combustion, and
- Mercury waste management.

3. While awaiting the confirmation of our participation as a 'partner' in the UNEP GMP, we thank you for your usual cooperation and look forward to further work and collaboration with you on mercury.

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