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Dear Committee,

With this letter, I would like to express my desire to have my laboratory LIENSs (Littoral Environnement et Sociétés) from the University of La Rochelle become a member of the Global Mercury Partnership. Becoming a member seems to me to be an excellent opportunity to support UNEP's Global Mercury Partnership and to provide the knowledge needed to better understand its fate in ecosystems.

This commitment represents a willingness to support UNEP in achieving its goals of promoting the reduction of mercury emissions to the environment and of its impacts on ecosystems and on human health. Adhering to the Global Mercury Partnership will allow several of my laboratory researchers such as Professor P. Bustamante, Dr. Jérôme Fort and Dr. Thomas Lacoue-Labarthe to contribute to the knowledge of the evolution of mercury concentrations at large spatio-temporal scales. In particular, the use of various marine organisms such as fish or seabirds as bioindicators of mercury is a topic that is strongly developed by these researchers.

Obtaining such data on a large scale represents a major challenge in understanding the fate of mercury in ecosystems and will contribute to help UNEP achieve its goals on understanding mercury behavior and mercury in the environment.

Yours faithfully

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check the partnership areas to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining
- mercury cell chlor alkali production
- mercury air transport and fate research
- mercury in products
- mercury releases from coal combustion
- mercury waste management
- mercury supply and storage mercury supply and storage
- mercury releases from the cement industry

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify:

*UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving the partnership goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to: