Head, Chemicals and Health Branch,

Economy Division United Nations Environment Programme,

Palais des Nations,

8-14 avenue de la Paix,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: APPLICATION FOR JOINING OF UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Reference is made to the heading above.

Population and Development Initiative (PDI) was established in 2020 and registered in 2021 as a national NGO with registration number 00NGO/R/1566. PDI is based in Kigoma and Geita regions in Tanzania. PDI works with youth, women and children by PDI through provision of skills, capacity, networks, information and resources needed to these challenges to support development of children, youth and children in Tanzania.

PDI would like to apply for membership of UNEP Global Mercury Partnership so that we may work together in Tanzania and across the globe in addressing the critical issues of mercury in gold mining especially safe handling, mercury contamination in water resources used by miners and adjacent communities as well as introduction of alternative gold processing technologies among small scale mining communities in Tanzania.

In 2021, PDI participated in a project of social accountability monitoring for improved water and sanitation services, climate change adaptation and human rights among gold mining communities in Geita region of Tanzania, the project which was supported by End water poverty and implemented by consortium of NGOs in Tanzania. The project helped small scale miners to amplify their voices in claiming their water rights as well as participating in
conservation efforts in mining areas. The project also created 10 agents of change from two wards in the mining sites who submitted the water and climate challenges, on behalf of general community members, to identified duty bearers for possible actions.

In 2018-2019, the members of PDI participated in data collection and dialogues in a project of mapping the socioeconomic and human rights situation of small scale miners in northwestern Tanzania implemented by International peace information service (IPIS).

In October 2021, PDI is working with Responsible Mining Foundation in implementing Mining Site Assessment Tool (MSAT) which is a dialogue enabling tool among communities, small scale miners and mining operators in some issues such as water quality, water quantity and gender in mining areas for promoting responsible mining in the mining communities in Tanzania.

In the light of this, PDI have commendable experience in mercury issues and will work with Global Mercury Partnership in dialogues, awareness creation, production of community-based media products and preparation of policy briefs/blogs regarding mercury use in mining areas of Tanzania.

PDI will inform Global Mercury Partnership about local Civil Society Organisations’ participation in the implementation of national plan of action on reducing the use of mercury among gold mining communities in Tanzania. PDI will also implement activities/campaigns which will be directed to us by the Global Mercury Partnership in Tanzania and beyond. PDI will also monitor mercury issues in Tanzania and make adequate communications to global mercury partnership and members.

We have attached the completed form for your review.

It is our hope that the application will be considered positively.

Alpha Ntayomba

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury in products

Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

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Type of Organization: Non-governmental Organization

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* 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 its 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: