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Asunto: CARTA DE APOYO - ALIANZA GLOBAL CONTRA EL MERCURIO (GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP).

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El Gobierno del Ecuador de manera firme se ha comprometido a enfrentar la contaminación ambiental derivado del inadecuado desarrollo industrial, uso desenfrenado de recursos, o falta de conocimiento en el manejo y uso de sustancias químicas, así como de residuos y desechos peligrosos; a través del diseño e implementación de políticas y normativa que abordan la temática desde un enfoque nacional y bajo lineamientos internacionales como la ratificación de convenios globales de carácter ambiental.

En ese sentido, expresamos nuestro apoyo a la “Alianza Global contra el Mercurio” del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente, la cual representa una oportunidad para el país en la creación de alianzas de cooperación internacional, permitiendo el fortalecimiento de la capacidad técnica para desarrollar y mejorar los mecanismos de prevención y control de la contaminación por mercurio a fin de proteger la salud humana y el ambiente.

Por lo expuesto, expresamos nuestro interés de ser parte de esta iniciativa mundial, y contribuir a la misma en especie y con experiencia para el logro de sus objetivos, especialmente a través de las siguientes áreas:

- Minería Artesanal y de Pequeña Escala de Oro
- Gestión de desechos de mercurio.

Es propicia la ocasión para expresarle los sentimientos de mi especial consideración.



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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the releases of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005¹, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

¹ UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- 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 releases from the cement industry

OUR PARTNERS

Over 240 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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