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Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

Subject: Support and Partnership to the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Institute for Minamata Diseases (NIMD) is pleased to convey our strong interest in partnering with and supporting the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Established in 1978, NIMD has focused on addressing the adverse effects of mercury on human health through comprehensive studies, medical research, and environmental monitoring. Our efforts have significantly improved medical treatments for disease victims and enhanced our understanding of mercury's impact on health. In 1986, NIMD was designated as a World Health Organization Collaborating Center, focusing on the global threat of mercury exposure. We have collaborated with WHO on various health-related mercury issues and addressed public health concerns in multiple countries. More recently, we have offered analytical proficiency testing and collaborated with UNEP to ensure high-quality monitoring results for the effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Our commitment extends to developing and implementing UNEP Global Mercury Partnership activities. We aim to support advancing mercury research capacity in developing countries to facilitate science-based policy-making. Some of our notable projects include:

- Training courses to strengthen the capacity to ratify the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
- Analytical proficiency testing and training under UNEP's framework.
- Proficiency testing for laboratories conducting mercury analysis.

We look forward to a favorable response and a fruitful partnership with UNEP. Our expertise and experience will significantly contribute to addressing mercury-related challenges and advancing the goals of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Haruhiko Hakuno
Director-General

National Institute for Minamata Diseases, Ministry of the Environment



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

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:

**Head, Chemicals and Health Branch
Industry and Economy Division
United Nations Environment Programme**
Palais des Nations
8-14 avenue de la Paix
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: metals@un.org



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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
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

> 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

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

- Government
- Industry / private sector
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Academia / scientific institution
- Non-governmental Organization
- Other, please specify

Mailing Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

E-mail:

Telephone: Website:

ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name: Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

* 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:

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