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Re: UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

I wish to congratulate you upon the successful completion of the negotiations that culminated into Governments world over agreeing to a legally binding agreement of the Minamata Convention early this year.

I work as an Environmental Specialist with the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) and I am a student of a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Management of the American Public University (APUS). While doing Environmental Law research in international law, I learnt of the progress that was made to come up with the Minamata Convention and also found that UNEP already has a Global Partnership in which I can participate. Previously, in the same course, I had done research on mercury in my Toxicology course and also done research on mercury regulation in the United States (U.S) in my Environmental Policy, Regulation and Law.

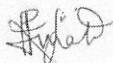
Currently, I am promoting an NGO - Environment, Health and Disaster Management Initiative Ltd [EHDMI] in Uganda that plans to undertake activities in the field of environmental management, health and disaster management. We, the promoters of the NGO have been involved in chemicals and waste management programs that have culminated into ratification of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) by the Uganda Government while working with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), preparation and implementation of National Plans and mainstreaming of chemical management activities into the National Development Plan (NDP). It is therefore, timely that we become partners in UNEP Global mercury programmes with a view to contributing to the reduction and elimination of released mercury and other toxic chemical into our environment.

Based on the socio-economic setup of my country, the interest of our organization and experts promoting my organization, our organization can ably be involved in policy advocacy, conducting situational assessment studies and reporting and dissemination of findings, creating awareness, advising on waste management. More specifically we can contribute in the following partnership areas:-

- (1) Artisanal and small scale gold mining.
- (2) Mercury in products.
- (3) Mercury waste management.

We look forward to partnering in saving nature earth.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick I. Kamanda

Promoter - EHDMI



**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.

ORGANIZATION NAME

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 OF REPRESENTATIVE**

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Non-government Organization

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Scientific community

Other, please specify: