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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express AUYAN's deep enthusiasm for the prospect of joining the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership as a committed partner in the collective endeavour to mitigate mercury pollution and safeguard environmental and human health.

As the founder of AUYAN, a startup specializing in monitoring mining activities with a particular focus on the detection and evaluation of artisanal mines' environmental impacts, our team is acutely aware of the urgent need for concerted global action to address the pervasive challenges posed by mercury pollution. Our work at AUYAN is driven by a steadfast commitment to leveraging innovative technology and data-driven insights to foster sustainable mining practices and minimize adverse environmental consequences.

The mission and objectives of the Global Mercury Partnership resonate profoundly with the core values and aspirations of AUYAN. We recognize the critical importance of collaborative partnerships across diverse stakeholders, including governments, NGOs, academia, and the private sector, to catalyse meaningful progress towards mercury pollution reduction and environmental protection.

We are particularly inspired by the Partnership's dedication to supporting the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and its emphasis on advancing state-of-the-art knowledge, science, and awareness-raising initiatives. AUYAN is poised to contribute our expertise in monitoring artisanal mining activities, which represent a significant source of mercury pollution, particularly in vulnerable communities around the world.

Furthermore, we are impressed by the inclusive governance structure of the Partnership, particularly the establishment of the Partnership Advisory Group, which fosters transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement in guiding the Partnership's strategic direction and activities.

We are confident that AUYAN's innovative approaches and technologies in monitoring and mitigating mercury pollution from artisanal mining operations can complement and enhance the collective efforts of the Global Mercury Partnership. Our team is eager to collaborate with fellow partners to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and drive tangible impact in mercury management and environmental stewardship.

We extend our sincere gratitude for considering AUYAN's application to become a partner of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. We are eager to contribute our expertise, resources, and passion to advance the Partnership's objectives and contribute to a sustainable future for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to further discuss potential collaboration and synergies between AUYAN and the Global Mercury Partnership.

Sincerely,

Alix Leroy

Founder, AUYAN



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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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PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) 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 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
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Non-governmental Organization
- Industry / private sector
- Academia / scientific institution
- 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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