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À
l'attention du Directeur du
Programme des Nations Unies pour
l'Environnement (PNUE)

Objet : Demande de Partenariat avec le PNUE

Madame, Monsieur,

Par la présente, nous souhaitons exprimer notre intention de nouer un partenariat avec votre structure au nom de notre ONG, GEO-PROJECT, dirigée par M. Vanié Abrahms Olivier.

Nous sommes une organisation de jeunes engagés dans la protection de l'environnement, le développement durable et la promotion du genre en milieu rural. Dans ce cadre, nous sollicitons un partenariat avec le PNUE pour notre projet visant à réduire, voire éliminer, l'utilisation du mercure dans les activités minières artisanales illégales (orpaillage clandestin) et à protéger les terres et les eaux en Côte d'Ivoire.

En effet, le mercure est couramment utilisé dans l'extraction artisanale de l'or (orpaillage clandestin) en Côte d'Ivoire, et il est regrettable de constater que cette activité est répandue sur l'ensemble du territoire. De l'Ouest à l'Est, et du Sud au Nord, en passant par le centre, où nous avons entrepris nos premières études de terrain pour comprendre et mettre en évidence les impacts de ce phénomène au plan socio-économique, de développement et environnemental.

Compte tenu de l'importance de ce projet, nous avons déjà signé des partenariats avec le CIAPOL (Centre Anti-pollution) du Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable ainsi qu'avec la Direction du Suivi Minier. Conscients des dangers de cette pratique, nous avons développé une initiative visant à sensibiliser les communautés minières et rurales, à promouvoir des techniques d'extraction sans mercure et à renforcer les capacités de développement de cultures.

Au vu des impacts négatifs de cette activité sur les eaux, les sols et la santé, nous croyons fermement que ce partenariat avec le PNUE pourrait grandement renforcer l'efficacité de notre initiative, grâce à une expertise combinée. Nous serions honorés de pouvoir discuter de cette collaboration à votre convenance.

Dans l'attente d'un retour favorable, veuillez agréer, Madame, Monsieur, l'expression de nos salutations distinguées.

Le Président, ONG GEOPROJECT



Gathering of Geologists in the Faculty of Earth Sciences

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To

The Director, United Nations
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Objet : Request for Partnership with UNEP

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to express our interest in establishing a partnership with your organization on behalf of our NGO, GEO-PROJECT, led by Mr. Vanié Abrahms Olivier.

We are a youth organization dedicated to environmental protection, sustainable development, and gender promotion in rural areas. In this context, we seek a partnership with UNEP for our project aimed at reducing, or even eliminating, the use of mercury in illegal artisanal mining (illegal gold mining) and protecting the lands and waters in Côte d'Ivoire.

Mercury is commonly used in artisanal gold extraction in Côte d'Ivoire, and it is unfortunate to see that this practice is widespread throughout the country—from the West to the East, and from the South to the North, including the central region. We have conducted initial field studies to understand and highlight the socio-economic, developmental, and environmental impacts of this issue.

Given the importance of this project, we have already formed partnerships with the CIAPOL (Anti-Pollution Center) of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, as well as with the Directorate of Mining Monitoring. Recognizing the dangers of this practice, we have developed an initiative aimed at raising awareness among mining and rural communities, promoting mercury-free extraction techniques, and enhancing agricultural development capacities.

We firmly believe that a partnership with UNEP could significantly strengthen the effectiveness of our initiative through combined expertise. We would be honored to discuss this collaboration at your convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and remain, Sir/Madam, yours sincerely.

President, NGO, GEO-PROJECT



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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Industry and Economy Division
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ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

Government	Industry / private sector
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Mailing Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

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Telephone: Website:

ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

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