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United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP
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Spanish support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Mr. Kasten,

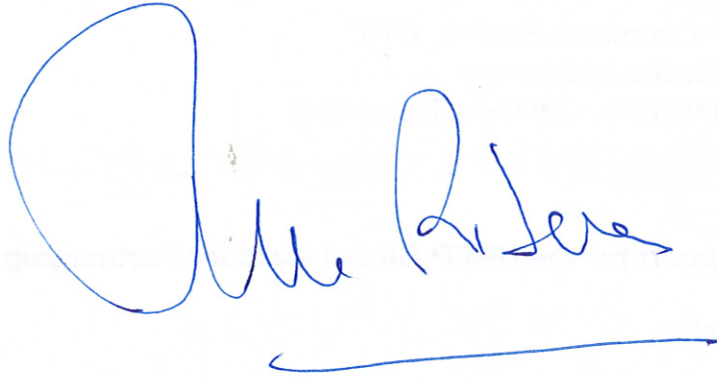
Mercury and most of its compounds are unanimously recognized as persistent, very toxic and bio-accumulative chemicals having also long-range transport properties. Spain is aware of the health and environmental risks associated with mercury and therefore fully support the objective of the Global Mercury Partnership to protect human health and global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

In 2009 the Spanish Ministry of Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs (MARM), the regional Government of Castilla-la Mancha and the Company Minas de Almadén y Arrayanes, S.A (MAYASA) (state operator of the worldwide known Almaden Mercury Mine) signed an agreement to establish the **National Technological Centre for Mercury Decontamination**. The main objective of this Centre is to research and promote technological developments for a sound management of mercury, experts training, information exchange, capacity building and technology transfer. To reach this objective, the Centre counts on the large expertise of a team highly specialized on mercury management (handling, transport, storage, wastes treatment and remediation). The Centre, financed by the MARM, mainly devotes its activity to research projects aiming to find reliable technological solutions for the true mercury management problems, such as environmentally sound storage or remediation of mercury polluted sites.

Spain is committed to work to achieve the goal of the Partnership and will contribute to it by sharing its expertise in mercury environmental techniques for a global mercury research development, enhancing the exchange of information and training as well as promoting capacity building and technical assistance, as resources allow.

Therefore, I would like to confirm the intention of Spain to be an active partner in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, particularly, in the area of *Mercury Supply and Storage*.

Yours sincerely,



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM*

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check partnership areas that 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

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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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

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- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify: _____

*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 the partnership 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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