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Mr. Per Bakken
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Dear Mr. Bakken,

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I would like to reaffirm U.S. support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and confirm our intention to continue to be an active, contributing partner in the achievement of its goal and objectives. We are very pleased with the accomplishments of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership since its inception in 2005 and are proud of our role as one of the founding partners. We look forward to further progress together in the future.

The United States currently leads the Products and Chlor-Alkali partnership areas and supports other partnership areas through contributions of funding and in-kind expertise. We have been highly satisfied with the results of these collaborative efforts, both in terms of immediate reductions and the potential for future accomplishment. We are committed to continuing to work with other partners to develop and implement projects and other collaborative activities to accomplish the objectives of the business plans. We look forward to continued outreach with our domestic stakeholders, including our State governments who have taken progressive, innovative actions to reduce mercury risks and can contribute valuable knowledge and expertise to the Partnership.

The United States is grateful for UNEP's dedicated commitment to mercury reduction. We congratulate governments and organizations who have taken on leadership roles in specific partnership areas, and we call on others to take similar actions so that the new and emerging areas of concern might benefit from concerted international action. We encourage donors to maximize investments towards the Partnership goal, and we look forward to continued progress towards achieving the objectives. With many ongoing projects and significant activities in the planning stage, and a growing foundation of scientific and economic understanding, the Mercury Partnership is poised to build on its already impressive track record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott C. Fulton".

Scott C. Fulton
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

Attachment

UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Form *

Partnership Area

Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:

- mercury in products
- artisanal and small scale gold mining
- mercury emissions from coal combustion
- mercury waste management
- mercury cell chlor alkali production
- mercury air transport and fate research

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

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