Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva

17 June, 2025

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
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RE: Designation of the National Focal Point to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas hereby notifies the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that it has designated, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Director of the Department of Environmental Planning and Protection, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, to act as National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention.

You will find attached to the present letter the completed designation form pursuant to the Director's nomination.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEX I - FORM FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

STATE/ORGANIZATION:	The Bahamas

Please tick as appropriate:

- ☑ **First-time** nomination
- ☐ **Replacement** of current National Focal Point (s) *(indicate name(s))*: .....
- ☐ **Additional** nomination to current National Focal Point (s) *(indicate name(s))*: .....

NATIONAL FOCAL POINT:

MR. ☐	MS. ☐	FIRST NAME:	Dr. Rhianna	LAST NAME:	Neely
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States/organizations who require to nominate more than one focal point are invited to submit one form for each designated individual and to specify the responsibilities of each focal point in the note section.