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Subject: Notification that Artisanal Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) is more than insignificant in Mauritania and the intention to develop the National Action Plan (NAP) project.

Mauritania is a Party to the Minamata Convention on Mercury. As you may know, the country has numerous gold mines, including industrial and artisanal mines.

Mauritania undertook and submitted the Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) project, which determined that ASGM is more than insignificant in the country, whereby mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore.

In accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3 of the Convention, Mauritania hereby informs the Secretariat that ASGM in the country is more than insignificant.

In addition, the country would also like to develop the NAP with the financial support of the Global Environmental Fund (GEF) and the technical guidance and support of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

Sincerely,

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