MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY
KUMAMOTO, 10 OCTOBER 2013

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: COMMUNICATION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 10 May 2019.

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“The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and refers to the U.N. Secretary-General’s depositary notification C.N.93.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.17, dated March 19, 2019, regarding the purported accession of the ‘State of Palestine’ to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, done at Kumamoto October 10, 2013 (the Convention), for which the Secretary-General of the United Nations is the depositary.

The Government of the United States of America does not believe the ‘State of Palestine’ qualifies as a sovereign State and does not recognize it as such. Accession to the Convention is limited to sovereign States and regional economic integration organizations. Therefore, the Government of the United States of America believes that the ‘State of Palestine’ is not qualified to accede to the Convention and affirms that it will not consider itself to be in a treaty relationship with the ‘State of Palestine’ under the Convention.”

10 May 2019

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